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ANGLO-U.S. DEFENCE UNION IN PACIFIC NEAR, LONDON REPORTS

French Indo-China

CHINESE TROOPS WILL CO-OPERATE WITH FRENCH

"UNITED PRESS" reveals that the ultimatum received by French Indo China yesterday was personally handed to Vice Admiral Decoux, the Governor General, by Major General Nishihara, leader of the Japanese Mission.

The terms of the ultimatum have not been disclosed. It expires to-morrow.

The Chinese Government is paying the keenest interest to the situation and the radio-phone between Chungking and Kuning has been busy for the past 24 hours, connecting the leading officials of the two cities for an exchange of views.

Despite previous denial, the "Telegraph" learns from very authoritative sources that secret conversation between Chinese and French Indo-China officials regarding military collaboration in the event of a Japanese invasion have taken place. These conversations were held at Kuning.

Tentative Agreement

The "Telegraph" informant states that a tentative agreement was reached regarding the entry of Chinese troops into Indo-China in the event of a Japanese attack. In this event the French forces will not oppose the Chinese.

Political circles believe that a show-down in Indo-China within the next few days is unavoidable.

Thai Demands Rejected

At 5.30 p.m. yesterday Radio-Saigon announced that the French Indo-China Government had rejected the territorial demands by Thailand.

"French troops are ready to protect the integrity of Indo-China by force" TURN TO Page 5, Column Four

HAMMER GERMANS

Amazing Work By R.A.F.
In Bad Weather

LONDON, Sept. 20 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. to-night continued its non-stop programme of hammering at the German invasion ports.

In moonlight cliff-top watchers on the English side of the Channel saw a bright flame along the French coast from Calais to Boulogne.

Continuous gun-flashes, shell-bursts and clusters of searchlights showed that the Germans were putting up a vigorous resistance. The searchlights cast in the sky by bursting bombs indicated that the British pilots were pressing home attacks with their usual skill and daring.

Terrible Weather

LONDON, Sept. 20 (Reuter).—In terrible weather, the R.A.F. attacked aqueducts carrying the Dortmund-Ems Canal over the river Ems, north of Munster, last night, states the Air Ministry news service.

The Canal is one of the most vital links in Germany's internal communications. The aqueducts have been attacked more than once and much damage was caused, but repair gangs have since been working at high pressure to restore them to full use.

Flight Lieut. R. A. B. Leroy was awarded the V.C. for his part in an attack last month.

A blinding rainstorm and cloud blanketed both land and sea as the aircraft approached the target, but luckily over the target the sky suddenly became clear.

Aqueducts Hit

Sticks of high explosives dropped across both aqueducts and at least one burst was clearly seen.

The attacks were repeated later, TURN TO Page 5, Column Four

FACILITIES AT SINGAPORE

—For U.S. Navy

LONDON, Sept. 20 (Reuter).—Regarding the report that Britain has made available to the United States certain facilities as regards Singapore, it is pointed out in authoritative quarters in London that for years past the United States and Britain, who have in the broadest sense common interests in the Far East, have pursued parallel policies.

On that basis, the facilities which Britain can make useful to the United States have for years past been available and remain available to that country as and when required by developments in the Far Eastern situation.

Axis Talks In Rome

On Danubian Problems

LONDON, Sept. 20 (Reuter).—Herr von Ribbentrop had another interview with Signor Mussolini this evening in Rome.

The interview lasted an hour. Count Ciano was also present.

Commenting on the talk, the "People's Italia" declares that the Axis powers have settled the Baltic and Danubian questions.

It adds that "because Europe will have a just, strong and lasting structure, other settlements will follow."

Suner Waits To See Ribbentrop

Spanish Trade Pact With
Nazis Envisaged

LONDON, Sept. 20 (Reuter).—Senor Suner, the Spanish Minister of the Interior, arrived at Brussels this morning on a tour of occupied territories, says the official German news agency.

A reception was given him by General von Falkenhausen, the Commander-in-Chief for Belgium and occupied France.

Madrid Speculation

MADRID, Sept. 20 (Reuter).—Owing to the length of Ribbentrop's stay in Rome, Senor Suner will not return to Berlin from his tour of occupied territory until Sunday.

His talks will be resumed on Monday.

The general impression fostered by the papers here is that Senor Suner is telling Berlin what Spain wants from peace as a reward for winning the civil war which, it is held, was the first phase of the European war.

For instance, "Yo" to-day carried a headline "Spanish Sacrifice of Three Years Will Bear Tangible Fruit in Europe."

The Berlin correspondent of the "Alcazar" states, however, that Senor Suner and Herr von Ribbentrop will meet again only to sign a Spanish-German trade agreement which has been under discussion for some time.

The conclusion of such an agreement would, of course, be a logical sequence to the great extension of trading possibilities caused by the collapse of France.

Italian War Scribes Captured In Desert

CAIRO, Sept. 20 (Reuter).—Three Italian war correspondents were captured by British troops during the most recent fighting in the western desert.

In a talk in Cairo to-day with British war correspondents, they said that they had been in Libya for six weeks. They lost their bearings when trying to find the Italian camps and strayed into the British lines.

The correspondents confirmed that Italian troops were strictly rationed with regard to water.

How German Transport Was Sunk: Full Story

LONDON, Sept. 20 (Reuter).—The story of the sinking of a German transport by the submarine Sturgeon was told to-day by the commander of the Sturgeon.

He said they went up the Skagerrak and got into position early on the morning of September 2. It was blowing hard.

At dusk the hydrophone operator reported that he heard a very faint sound of a ship. The Sturgeon surfaced and a few minutes later two small German destroyers were sighted, and just afterwards a very large transport, some distance away, was sighted against the light of the setting sun.

The crew of the Sturgeon went to the diving stations and brought torpedo tubes to the ready and fired torpedoes as the transport was going away from them.

Ship Blows Up

The submarine submerged immediately, but soon afterwards came up. Everything was quiet with the transport steaming on with her escorted destroyers, but a moment or two later they heard a great explosion and saw a giant column of smoke going up from the transport. The submarine went further away from the transport and once an aeroplane swooped right over them but they were not spotted.

After about ten minutes, the transport burst into flames and became a blazing mass from stem to stern. "It was a terrific sight. After an hour and a half she was settling down into the water and quite obviously finished."

The submarine submerged to re-lay torpedoes and when they surfaced again, the transport was gone and there was nothing left but two destroyers, with searchlights on, picking up survivors.

Lucky Escape

When the submarine surfaced, she came right into searchlight beams but the destroyers were three miles away and luckily did not see the submarine.

The officer said that shortly after the torpedo was fired, the sound of an explosion was heard. The ship sank within about two hours.

He added that it was an extremely lucky shot at that range.

The ship was a single-funnel low-built Diesel vessel of about 10,000 to 12,000 tons, making north for a Norwegian port.

Danish reports have stated that she had between 3,000 and 4,000 troops aboard.

Singapore May Become Base For American Warships and Planes

By FREDERICK KUH

"United Press" Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Sept. 20 (UP).—It is authoritatively confirmed that the talks during the past few days between Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State; Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, and Mr. Richard Casey, the Australian Minister, referred to defence measures particularly in the Pacific and also the wider issues of Pacific problems.

Asked whether the talks included Indo-China, the spokesman said, "I do not see why any specific subject should be excluded."

BURMA ROAD DECISION

The conversations may strongly influence Britain's decision as to whether she would reopen the Burma Road after October 18, when the three months closure expires.

Britain remains anxious to avoid any conflict with Japan which might mean a risk of war but it is felt here that the current conversations will improve the prospect of United States support if Britain allows the Burma route traffic to be resumed.

POLICING THE PACIFIC

Responsible American informants describe the conversations as envisaging arrangements which, in effect, would result in the United States policing the Pacific and Britain the Atlantic.

The scheme had not yet been evolved in detail although an agreement in principle has been reached, arousing profound satisfaction in the leading representatives on both sides.

It is emphasised that the present talks no more involve a formal alliance than the recent destroyer pact.

Usually reliable American sources assert that the Anglo-American plans will entail the joint use of naval and air bases, including the use of Singapore by the U.S. Navy.

Britain, during 1939, offered the United States facilities at Singapore but the proposal was then and has been since declined owing to the apprehension that it might be misinterpreted as a corner-stone for an alliance.

Security of Antipodes

Mr. Cordell Hull, Lord Lothian and Mr. Casey have been discussing the whole situation in the Pacific for the past three weeks but Mr. Hull said to-day that no attempt had been made to reach any decision and no requests had been made.

It is generally believed that the security of Australia, New Zealand and the Dutch East Indies was one of the chief topics in the discussions and circumstances indicate that the talks touched the subject of the British naval base at Singapore.

The Australians are showing concern at the possibility of a Japanese drive to the south and are watching Indo-China developments closely.

SHANGHAI ARREST

American Charged
With Gambling

SHANGHAI, Sept. 20 (UP).—American authorities to-day arrested Jack Riley, known also as the "machine king" of China.

Riley was known to most sailors of the American Asiatic fleet. He owned the Manhattan Bar, one of Shanghai's most popular bars.

The American authorities issued a warrant on 17 counts connected with the conduct of professional gambling and the handling of professional gambling devices in two well-known resorts. These were Farrens, Shanghai's leading night club which Riley recently purchased and D.D.'s, the leading Russian restaurant and night club which he owns.

Bail was set at U.S.\$25,000.

Australia Ready To Go To The Polls

Last Minute Declarations

SYDNEY, Sept. 20 (Reuter).—To-morrow is the day for the Federal elections, for which a record number of candidates have been nominated.

The Party leaders, in final appeals to the electors, emphasised the need for a tremendous war effort.

Both Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister, and Mr. Curtin, the Labour Opposition Leader, are anxious for a sweeping majority in the House of Representatives and the Senate to free them from anxieties which would interfere with the conduct of the war.

Mr. Menzies has five opponents at Kooyong and Mr. Curtin two at Fremantle.

While both are wholeheartedly for every possible assistance to Great Britain, Mr. Curtin has been laying greater stress on the defence of Australia than the dispatch of aid overseas.

273 Candidates

Altogether 273 candidates are contesting the 75 seats in the House and 65 candidates for 19 seats in the Senate. Four are women.

The only unopposed candidate is Mr. A. E. Green, the Labour representative of Kalgoorlie.

Mr. Menzies, broadcasting to-day, said that whatever the Government was in office after to-morrow's poll, it would be entitled to public support. The danger was too great for their strength to be frittered away by recrimination or internal division.

"We are fighting for things eternal which touch not merely the body of man but the eternal spirit. We must cast away all selfishness and unworthy ambitions and pledge ourselves and our services for the free future of the Christian world," he added.

WARSHIPS BOMBED

Surprise R.A.F. Attack
On Italians

CAIRO, Sept. 20 (Reuter).—Italians were completely surprised by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm which raided the Libyan base of Ben Ghazi this week, it is learned.

Sticks of bombs fell across two groups of ships, including destroyers, which formed the main targets in the harbour.

Fire broke out among one group. When the second group was bombed again, a destroyer was up with such force that the blast almost overturned one of the raiders.

At the end of the raid, the town was lit by a glow of flames which seemed to envelop the entire harbour.

U.S. Destroyers For Canada

OTTAWA, Sept. 20 (Reuter).—The Navy Minister announced that Canada is taking over six of the former United States destroyers now in Canadian waters.

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Further Late News



NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



MAGAZINE PAGE

BRITAIN'S UNCERTAIN VOICE

I WANT to make an appeal to the patriotism and common sense of my fellow countrymen in general and of the members of the Conservative Party entrenched in their Parliamentary majority in particular.

Certain plain necessities and certain patriotic obligations are being disregarded, and that disregard may very well cost us that victory over Hitlerism which still lies within our reach--albeit a little less closely than it did in the great days of the bus-missing and hat-eating speeches of your all too representative leader.

Essentially Britain is One in this war. Solidly one. It faces the world, confident in its high ideals, battling not only for itself but for the freedom, liberty and happiness of all mankind.

THE whole island is united upon that, the miner and the poucher, peer's son, cook's son, and so on, constitute a single solid block of resolution. Ask them "We fight!" The truth is that, deep in our natures, we like fighting. If it were merely a case of man to man there would be no doubt about the issue of this war.

But when it comes to telling each other and the world what we

are fighting for there is so much vagueness in what we say and what we permit to have said for us that every undecided neutral is perplexed about it, and even our home front is uncertain and confused.

We puzzle and irritate the Americans, the Russians evidently mistrust us profoundly; India, Ireland, South Africa, Islam, the potential helpers we might find from Cape Tarda to the North Cape who might be taking the utmost risks--instructed and guerrilla warfare if they felt sure of our unqualified support, betray a justifiable lack of conviction about our intentions.

We know we are in the right, anyhow, but have we made that plain to all the great human majority with whom our outlook is irrevocably associated? We are, beyond all dispute, losing the war of propaganda--and that is more than half the present war. Why is this? And what has to be done about it?

In 1918 this country and America both spoke with two voices. Both conducted a vigorous propaganda of the League of Nations idea, which was immensely enforced by President Wilson's Fourteen Points, and there can be no doubt that the hope of a possible pacification of Europe upon tolerable lines did much to weaken the spirit of resistance of the Central European Powers.

The Germans have always maintained that their indisputable military collapse was brought about by the effectiveness of our propaganda.

IT was only later that the world realised that there was no real authority behind the promises of the Anglo-American propaganda.

The Senate went back upon and repudiated Wilson, and the world at large became aware of a complex of secret agreements and understandings contrived by the Foreign Offices and their diplomatic network, which completely vitiated that hoped-for settlement.

But at the time the propaganda of the Western Allies did its work very thoroughly. At a price. No national man will ever trust its propaganda again unless it carries the full weight of a Government guarantee.

War propaganda, like the machine-gun, the aeroplane, the tank and the submarine, was an invention of the Western democracies.



"IF ONLY PETROL WAS AS PLENTIFUL AS BLOOD..."

Consider what we have represented. There is first of all that mysterious, devious and finally devious body, the Foreign Office and the diplomatic service. Foreign Ministers, ambassadors and diplomatic methods came into existence in the days of personal monarchy in the seventeenth century, to promote the dynastic interests and mutual aggressions of the various kings and princes of Europe.

The common people had scarcely come into existence then as a factor in international affairs. They were passive in the subtle and dangerous game of kingcraft.

Since then the world has changed utterly, but at no time has there been any modernisation of diplomatic methods. They are about as well adapted to the needs of these vast modern communities which are struggling so strenuously now to some sort of world

of retrospective punitive censorship, so that that too is to count in the list of our media of expression.

Then we have a Ministry of Information which is understood to be definitely propagandist. It suffers and has suffered since the beginning of the war from chronic reorganisation, and naturally it says all sorts of things.

Now I want to urge the necessity of putting an end to all this forthwith.

I suggest that Lord Halifax go, and that we put the Foreign Office into commission; that we make a very small group of men--for example, the Prime Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who is indispensable, and Sir Archibald Sinclair or Mr. Dalton or Sir Robert Vansittart or Mr. Lloyd George--into a Committee of Foreign Relations, responsible for the entire control of our foreign affairs our diplomacies and our propaganda activity, with the fullest powers for suppressing sabotage; that this Committee draw up a definite memorandum upon our objectives in this war, a statement of our war aims and, in more detail and with less publicity, the methods to be employed, to which all this present diabolical medley of utterances shall be made to conform.

AND upon one thing in the name of this unified face we have to present to the world. I want to speak plainly to the patriotic gentlemen of the old Conservative Party.

The whole world doubts how far the spirit of social reaction may not still deflect our country from its championship of human freedom. There is only one way of dispelling these doubts. The ideas of mutual concessions and national unity in the face of an enemy are very deep in the British tradition.

You are face to face now with an urgent necessity to clear the national character of every suspicion of Petainism, Fascism and pro-Franco weakness.

Surely you realise now, with the German guns trained on Gibraltar and a unanimous Spanish Press clamouring for our defeat; how monstrously you blundered in your failure to sustain the honest Republican Government of Spain against the Franco Pronunciamento; and how far your prejudice against treating Russia with the respect or

civility you have been so eager to concede to Goering and Mussolini has endangered us, and will continue to discredit and endanger us so long as you cling to office. You have been deceived, impudently and repeatedly, and you know it. No doubt you have your full and reasonable excuses; we do not question you are honourable and patriotic men.

LET us not recriminate. It is just because I believe that you are honourable and patriotic men that I implore you to have the magnanimity to acknowledge the error of your ways, to make this sacrifice to our national unity and withdraw into positions where you can do no further harm.

And when I say you, I mean the Chamberlain section of the Conservative Party in general, and in particular Sir Samuel Hoare, whom we associate with the traitor Laval, Lord Halifax and Lord Lloyd, Viscount Cuddepute, Lord Simon and Sir Kingsley Wood.

I am not attacking you. I am pointing out to you a magnificent opportunity for service. I would particularly appeal to Lord Halifax for a justification of his always exalted and conspicuous piety. The sacrifice could be made with prayerful dignity. . . . But, please, get out of the way of the country, now, while the going is good.

Once or twice in the past I have made successful prophecies.

All prophecies are conditional, and I will simply remark now that, sitting in the House as you do, still playing the old familiar political game, in a country already bankrupt and badly entangled, fighting splendidly but fighting at an immense disadvantage because of your faults, you seem to have not the slightest inkling of the storm of bitter scorn, indignation and revolutionary resentment that may presently break upon you. In spite of your Parliamentary advantages and so forth I implore you to get out of the picture now. I gather you are preparing some sort of electoral law to jerrymander the constituencies and save your Party from being swept out of existence at the next election.

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By H. G. Wells

but all these things the meticulous German has studied and used with a thoroughness far surpassing our fluctuating methods. His propaganda at the present time is admirably directed, unified in its aim and quite devastatingly better than our own. He has carried the double voice method to new levels.

It is no good disguising the truth. Day by day it beats us. We, on the contrary, no longer speak even with two voices. We speak with a babble of voices.

I want to suggest that we have come to a point when it is imperative that, unless we are to experience a disaster that may involve the whole world, we should speak now with a single voice--dropping even the discredited two-voice ambiguity of 1918--and say plainly what we have in our hearts about this war.

Since this war broke out, a number of us have been agitating for a plain statement of our war aims. Now, after nearly a year of war, we still fight on with no clear (convincing) definition of what it is we fighting for and what it is all about.

understanding, as Don Quixote on Rostand is to fight a modern bomber or a tank. Yet that old Foreign Office is our First Voice, whispering, promising committing our people to I know not what mean and disastrous things.

THEN there is a strange, elusive body, the British Council, which appears to be responsible for a pamphlet called *The British Case*, a pamphlet written mainly by Lord Lloyd, with a preface by our Foreign Minister, Lord Halifax, and issued by the publishers usually entrusted with Government publications.

It is a statement of incomparable presumption and offensiveness, and I cannot understand why men like Messrs. Greenwood, Bevin, Dalton and Morrison, for example, have consented to sit in the same Government with its two chief perpetrators.

Thirdly, there are the voices of the various Ministers of the Crown, each discharging himself freely against foreigners. Next, we have a Press which is generally understood to be under some sort

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Volunteers Prepare For Annual Aquatic Meet Inter-Hong Gala In Aid Of War Funds

(By "Tinker")

TWO SWIMMING GALAS that should be of great local interest are to be held in the near future. These are the Volunteers annual sports and an inter-Hong gala between the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Jardine's, Butterfield and Swire's, Dodwell's and the Hongkong Bank.

The proceeds from both of these meets are going to the "S. C. M. Post" and "H. K. Telegraph" Bomber Fund.

The date for the inter-Hong gala—Friday, Sept. 27—fills in the gap left in the Colony championships, which are being held on Sept. 25, 26 and 28. This is next weekend, and with everyone then swimming, consequently, there should be a good turnout for the inter-Hong "gala".

SPORTS ADVT.

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Little Likelihood Of An Interport International Shield Matches to Commence Early Next Month

NOW THAT THE END of the lawn bowls season is drawing near, thoughts that tend towards an interport contest with Shanghai are going to meet with little encouragement, for there is very little likelihood of the northern team paying the Colony a visit next month, as they would during normal times.

Hongkong went north last year and beat Shanghai by two matches to one, winning the first two and losing the third, and at the conclusion of that contest it was intimated that if the war, which had then just started, were still in progress by the same time this year it would be very improbable that Shanghai would come down according to schedule.

Not only is the war in Europe still in being, but conditions in the Far East have changed and are changing so definitely that an interport contest this year is very unlikely.

The series began in the closing year of the last war, and continued uninterrupted until 1937, when the commencement of the Sino-Japanese hostilities created the first disjunction. That year, too, Shanghai were expected down, but the interruption in no way impaired the progress of the series for in the following year, 1938, the northern team paid their delayed visit and trounced the Colony 3-0. However, as already said, we took our revenge the following year.

And it is less likely that the present situation, no matter how long it creates a gap, will affect the future of the series, for now, more than ever, the ties between Shanghai and Hongkong are strong and more lasting.

WITH the Rinks championship concluded, the Pairs in the semi-finals and the Singles well on their way (and the League, virtually decided), the only remaining bowls competition of the year is the International Shield tournament, and this, I understand, will commence early next month.

But before this competition starts, it is necessary that the others should be finished, and the Lawn Bowls Association Committee urge players in the Singles to complete their games in the early rounds as soon as possible to facilitate the progress of that competition.

THE semi-finals of the Pairs are being held to-morrow on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club ground. The matches are:

F. V. V. Ribeiro and H. A. Alves v. L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro.

A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar v. W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen.

There is not much hesitation in conceding the odds to the Omars for their game against Burling and Rakusen but in the other, the Alves and Ribeiro, the defending champions, have a stiff fight before them.

It will be a game well worth watching, and, on the assumption that the Omars will reach the final, the last game of all, too, should be a splendid conclusion to the championship.

To-day's Programme

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon Docks v. Kowloon C. C. C. S. C. C. v. Recreation "B" Police v. Craigengower Hongkong F. C. v. Kowloon B. G. C.

SECOND DIVISION

H. K. C. v. K. Tong C. S. C. C. v. Kowloon C. C. Police v. Craigengower Recreation v. Taikeo

THIRD DIVISION

Craigengower v. Hongkong C. C. K. B. G. C. v. H. K. Electric Indians v. Prison O. C.

OPENING FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Opening fixtures for the Football Leagues which commence to-day are:

To-day

FIRST DIVISION

H. K. Sports v. South China (Sookun-poo, at 4.45 p.m.) Kowloon v. St. Joseph's (Kowloon, at 4.55 p.m.) Club v. Kwong Wah (Club ground, at 4.45 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Middlesex v. Kit-che (Military, at 4.45 p.m.) 20th RA v. Engineers (Military, at 3.15 p.m.) R. Scouts v. South China (Sookun-poo, at 3.15 p.m.)

Kowloon v. R.A.S.C. (Kowloon, at 3.15 p.m.) Club v. Kwong Wah (Club ground, at 3.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.F. v. Signals (Caroline Hill, at 3.15 p.m.) International v. 35th RA. (Caroline Hill, at 4.45 p.m.) 12th RA v. 7th RA. (Stanley, at 3.15 p.m.)

R.A.M.C. v. 24th RA. (Chatham Rd., at 4.45 p.m.) 20th RA v. Engineers (Chatham Rd., at 3.15 p.m.)

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION

Police v. Navy (Boundary Rd., at 4.45 p.m.) Sing Tao v. Eastern (Club ground, at 4.45 p.m.)

LEAGUE BOWLS



The Recreation "A" v. Craigengower first Division match in progress at Happy Valley last Saturday. Recreation won 70-48, and thereby were virtually assured of winning the senior shield. This is the game between C. G. Silva's rink and C. S. Rossetti's—the former winning 30-10. Watching the progress of one of the woods are J. S. Landolt, J. Luz, L. C. R. Souza, W. Hong Sling, C. E. Marques and J. F. Ribeiro (kneeling).—Ming Yuen.



An excellent view of the new diving tower at the Army swimming pool, Victoria Barracks. The picture was taken during the start of one of the races in the Area Championships on Thursday. Capt. T. M. L. Wilkinson, the starter, is in front of the tower.—Ming Yuen

Inter-Departmental Bowls.

Sanitary Dept. Withdraw Both Teams

OWING to over-work created by the cholera epidemic, both teams from the Sanitary Department in the Goscombe-O'Sullivan lawn bowls competition have scratched, and the P.W.D. "A" and Medicals "C" have been given walks-over into the second round.

Second round and semi-final matches will be played to-morrow morning and afternoon on the Police green.

SECOND DIVISION

Police v. R.A.O.C. (Boundary Rd., at 3.15 p.m.) Sing Tao v. Eastern (Club ground, at 3.15 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

36th RA v. A.S.A. (Chatham Rd., at 3.15 p.m.) Shell v. R.A.S.C. (Chatham Rd., at 4.45 p.m.)

GARRISON SPORTS NOTES

By "Jake"

Army Boxing Restrictions

IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED by the Hon. Secretary for Army Sports that Servicemen entertaining any idea of participating in the forthcoming tournament in aid of the B.W.O.F. will, in the event of their competing, be no longer recognised as Service Amateurs by the A.B.A. (Army Boxing Assn.).

This was not unexpected among the majority of people, owing to the tourney not having been sanctioned by the A.B.A. Army boxers are jealous of the amateur standing, and will do nothing to jeopardise it.

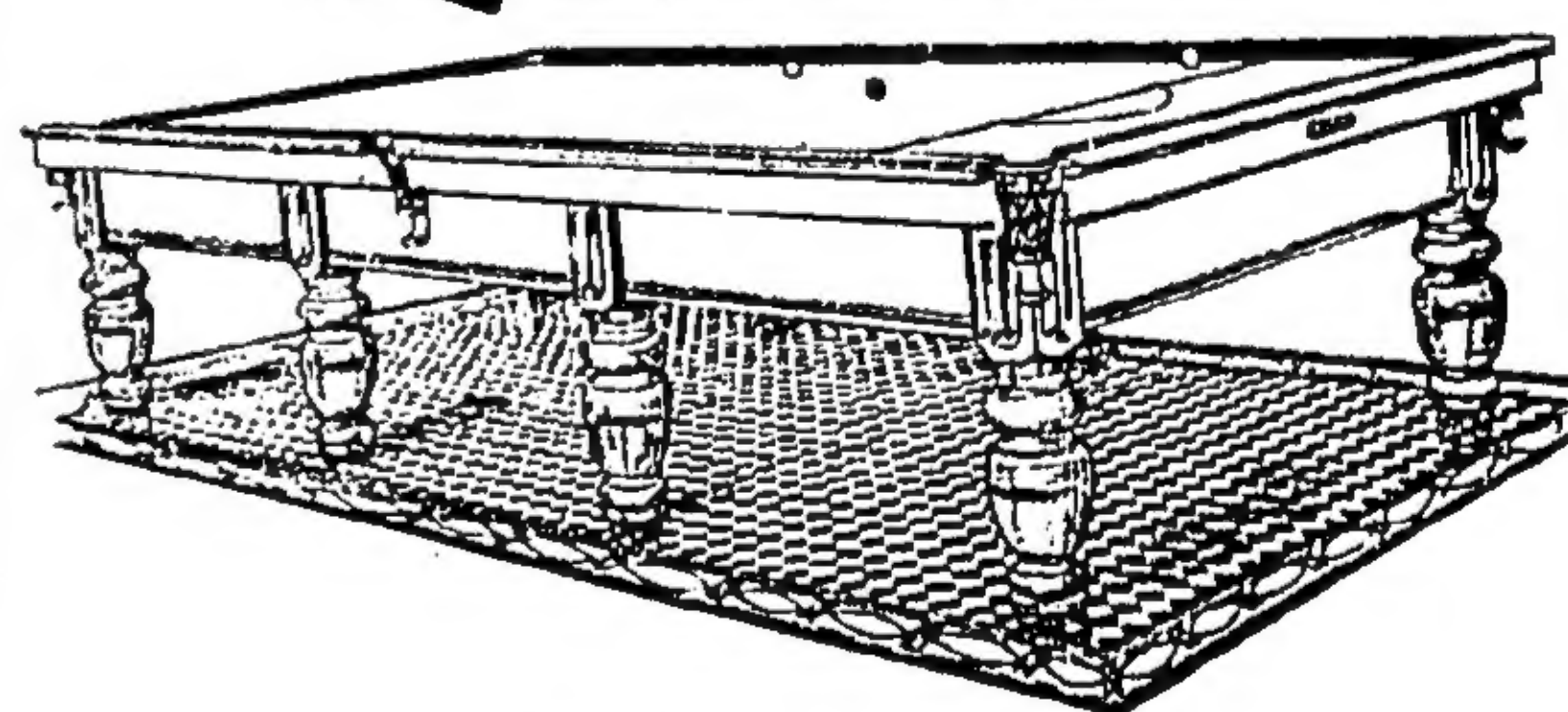
Garrison Boxing

Towards the end of this month, a charity match, co-

inciding with the above mentioned tournament, will be held. "A" Coy., the Royal Scots, meet "C" Coy. of the same Unit and the winning team will meet one from H.M.S. Tamar.

Readers can draw their own conclusions as to which team will meet the Naval side, as "A" Coy. are expected to include Sgt. Elliot, L/Cpl. McNally, Cpl. TURN to Page 5, Column One

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Brown, Pte. O'Neill, Pte. Emerson, Pte. Cavanagh, Pte. Calligan.

Inter-Platoon Tourney

The Annual Inter-Platoon Championship between Nos. 7, 8 and 9 Platoons of "A" Co., the Royal Scots, is now in full swing. Details are not at hand, but it is expected that No. 9 Platoon will emerge victors.

These Platoons have yet to complete their fixtures insofar as hockey, football, swimming and netball are concerned, and keen competition is expected. No. 9 Platoon are now well in the lead, and are the anticipated winners.

Football

Middlesex Regiment will be playing away next Saturday against the Royal Navy at Causeway Bay. The Navy have a very good side, and the match should be a very good one.

Included in the sides that have been fielded in friendlies and practice games recently among the Small and Large Units are several Chinese footballers who have, at one time or another, seen service with well-known teams in the Colony. Their quality is undoubted, and they will be certainly selected to play for their respective Units.

A member of one of the Indian Regiments wishes it to be known that they have a reasonably good soccer side and would like to play any other Unit team that is in need of practice.

Hockey

A keen and fast game of hockey was seen on Thursday when the Y.M.C.A. 1st team beat the Combined Military Hospital by 2-0. Both sides played hard and never slackened throughout.

Bill Colledge, ex-R.A.M.C., was defending the "Y's" goal and had a very busy afternoon. Cpl. Pym, having shown his worth at football is now showing youngsters how to play hockey. He was prominent at outside right.

Furnell, in goal for the first time, was good but relied too much upon his stick.

Communiques

Thursday's Air Action Over London

Air Ministry Report

The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security issued the following communique yesterday: Shortly after midnight on Thursday our anti-aircraft guns shot down an enemy bomber north of London, this being the second destroyed during last night's attacks.

In yesterday's actions, five enemy bombers were shot down. None of our fighters was lost.

This morning a force of enemy aircraft crossed the coast of Kent but did not penetrate into the London area beyond the eastern and south-eastern outskirts, where a few bombs were dropped.

Little damage was done and only slight casualties are reported. Several formations were also dropped in Brighton this morning and damage was done to houses. There was a number of casualties, some of which were fatal.

Reports hitherto received show that four enemy aircraft were shot down. Seven of our fighters were lost. The pilots of three are safe.

CAIRO: No

Change in Situation

"In Egypt No change in the situation in the western desert."

"Other Fronts Nothing to report."

More Raid Shelters For Londoners

LONDON, Sept. 20 (Reuters).—The local authorities in London and in the country generally are pressing ahead with measures to provide additional shelter accommodation for thousands of people in basements of large buildings.

Special powers will be used freely to secure possession of suitable premises.

Demand Re-opening Of Burma Road

LONDON, Sept. 20 (Reuters).—The China Campaign Committee have written to Mr. Winston Churchill stating that 1,300,000 people in Britain have informed the Committee that they support the demand for the immediate and unconditional re-opening of the Burma Road.

Major Baseball

TIGERS HUMBLE INDIANS

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (UP).—In the only scheduled game in either of the Major Baseball Leagues, the Detroit Tigers scored a great victory over the Cleveland Indians in the American Circuit to-day, winning by 6-5.

This victory puts the Tigers into the lead again.

Scores were:

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	5	8	1
Batteries: Harder, Newhouse, Feller, Dobson, Pytlak.			
Detroit	6	13	1
Batteries: Newsum, C. Smith, Tebbetts.			

GANDHI WON'T HAVE PISTOL

MADRAS, Sept. 20 (Reuters).—The Madras Radio says that Gandhi, back in power as leader of the All-India Congress, has issued the following statement about his proposed visit to the Viceroy: "Assuming that an interview is granted, I do not go to hold a pistol to the Viceroy's head but to make sure that I am right in the inference I have drawn from the acts of the Government."

SOVIET FLEET IN SHAM BATTLE

TOKYO, Sept. 20 (Reuters).—Simultaneously with the army manoeuvres in Western Russia, the Soviet Pacific Fleet has also been engaged in a sham battle practice, according to a Moscow despatch to the "Domei" news agency.

Soviet naval operations are reported to have included night mine-laying operations and night battle practice against theoretical enemy squadrons advancing against the main Soviet naval base.

Significant Rome Discussions

LONDON, Sept. 20 (Reuters).—The extreme significance of the Rome talks owing to the "present culminating stage of the war" is stressed in a Rome message to the German news agency.

The message states that Danubian problems and the relations with Spain are among the questions discussed.

Bomb Misses Cathedral

Falls Yards From Main Building

LONDON, Sept. 20 (UP).—A low flying German plane on a recent trip came within a few score feet of wrecking the famous Westminster Cathedral, the seat of Cardinal Hinsley and one of the founders of which was Pope Leo XIII.

The plane appeared to just clear the dome of the campanile which is 284 feet high. It dropped high-explosive bombs, estimated at 250 pounds, on the choir boys' asphalt playground within 40 yards of the main cathedral building and only 30 feet from Cardinal Hinsley's house.

CHINESE TROOPS WILL CO-OPERATE

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against any foreign invasion," the announcement said.

Another Vichy Explanation

VICHY, Sept. 20 (Reuters).—The "Petit Parisien" states that the Vichy Government, when faced on August 2 with Japan's first demand for passage of troops through French Indo-China, got into touch with the United States but "ascertained that the United States was unable to adopt an attitude other than placid."

The newspaper says that France had already formally rejected the Japanese demand, but the Government had to face realities, recognising Japan's paramount position in East Asia.

Negotiations were opened with the view to reaching a general agreement that would serve as a prelude to detailed discussions at Hanoi. It was under these auspices that talks between General Nishihara and Vice-Admiral Decoux began.

The "Petit Parisien" says that these talks have hitherto continued with a mutual determination to reach an understanding which, while giving Japan such satisfaction as is judged legitimate by the French Government, will still safeguard the independence of Indo-China and the sovereignty of France.

HAMMER GERMANS

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once by aircraft in a shallow dive attack.

The driving rain, which often turned to sleet, shrouded the Channel ports, which were also attacked, but new fires were started at Ostend.

A new tidal harbour was one objective.

Flushing harbour came in for another heavy hammer, heavy explosions being caused in the harbour works and outer harbour, and also across the Verbeed Canal.

There were barges in the Canal and the bombs dropped among them and caused, in the words of one pilot, a series of minor explosions followed by a violent explosion with green flames.

Dunkirk Docks Bombed

Dunkirk docks were also attacked from a low level despite intense anti-aircraft fire.

Other R.A.F. squadrons bombed railway yards at Mannheim and Rhine, yards at Neckarau, four miles south of Mannheim, and main railway lines at Coblenz.

Attacks were also made on a bridge over the Rhine near Trier, a canal between Veere and Middelburg in Holland, and aerodromes at Munster-Hansdore and Bergenop-zoom.

Australian Election Platforms

LONDON, Sept. 20 (Reuters).—Sydney Radio to-day broadcast the policy speeches of Australian leaders before the general election.

Mr. H. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister, declared: "What we want is a strong government with definite clear cut plans and assured of the backing of the people."

Mr. Curtin called for a maximum war effort, equal sacrifices during the war, a new social effort after the war, complete defence of Australia and a national War Cabinet of all parties.

CHINESE FAREWELL PRESENTATION MADE TO HON. MR. T. H. KING

A presentation of a volume of reproductions of Chinese paintings of the Sung Dynasty and a jade pendant, was made to the Hon. Mr. T. H. King and Mrs. King at Police Headquarters yesterday, by the four Chinese Council members on behalf of a large number of Chinese friends.

Owing to prevailing conditions, Mr. and Mrs. King expressed the wish that the ceremony of presentation should be as simple as possible.

Those present were the Hon. Mr. T. H. King and Mrs. King and the Misses King, Mr. G. S. Perdue, the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall and the Misses Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mrs. Lo, the Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan and Mrs. Li Shu-fan, and the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam and Mrs. Tam. There were 123 names in a list of well-wishers accompanying the gifts.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 8 of the Naval Volunteer Ordinance, 1933, His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government dispenses with the services of Warrant Officer Percy Ingham Newman as a member of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force.

Week-end Soccer Teams Selected

SING TAO and Kwong Wah football teams for the opening soccer fixtures this week-end have been selected. There has been one alteration in the Second Division, and Sing Tao instead of meeting Eastern's 2nd XI in the League will now play a friendly against the 24th Div. R.A.

The teams chosen are:

SING TAO
The 1st XI will be selected from the following—Chung Yung-sang, Lau Yung-sang, Pak Shiu-hon, Lau Tung-choy, Soong Ling-sing, Kwok Ying-ii, Leung Wing-chiu, Tang Kwong-sun, Tang King-chung, Chan Tak-fai, Ip Pak-wa, Lai Shiu-wing, Lau Chung-sang.

KWONG WAH
1st XI v. West (Boundary St., 4.45 p.m. to-day).—Lee Kwok-kei, Chung Fai-lam, Leung Pak-wai, C. F. dos Remedios, Chung Kim-tai, J. J. Pereira, Chong Ngal-shing, Tin Yung-fat, D. T. Gosano, Cheuk Shek-kam, Wong King-chung.

2nd XI v. Chung-tong, Lo Shu-kar, Wong Poon-hon, Cheung Wing, Wong Wah-ping, Yung Chiu, Lung Chiu-tup, Chan Wai-sang, Chin Chi-fun, Lee Yan-leung, Law Wing-ku.

Count's Son Is Kidnapped

Nurse Overpowered

HILSBOROUGH, Calif., Sept. 20 (UP).—Mare de Tristan, the three-year-old son of Count Mare de Tristan, socially prominent, was kidnapped from his nurse near the family home to-day.

The kidnapper overpowered the nurse, flashed guns, left a ransom note and escaped in an automobile, according to the nurse.

Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been informed although the note demanded "absolute silence and privacy."

MUST DEFEND INDEPENDENCE

CAIRO, Sept. 20 (Reuters).—"Egyptians as one man must defend their independence and drive the enemy from their territories," declared Ahmed Maher Pasha, President of the Chamber of Deputies, in a speech at Mansura.

He said: "We cannot stand by as onlookers while a struggle deciding our fate continues."

U.S. Fleet Is Going To Hawaii

After Shore Leave

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, said the complete fleet will be back in Hawaii by January first after three successive contingents have shore leave and overhauls on their visit to the mainland. The visits will last two weeks each.

Evacuee Children Reach Capetown

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 20 (Reuters).

Three hundred and nine children evacuated from Britain have arrived here as guests of the Union.

They were given an official welcome by two Cabinet Ministers, Mr. W. B. Madsen (Labour and Social Welfare) and Mr. H. Lawrence (Interior and Public Health).

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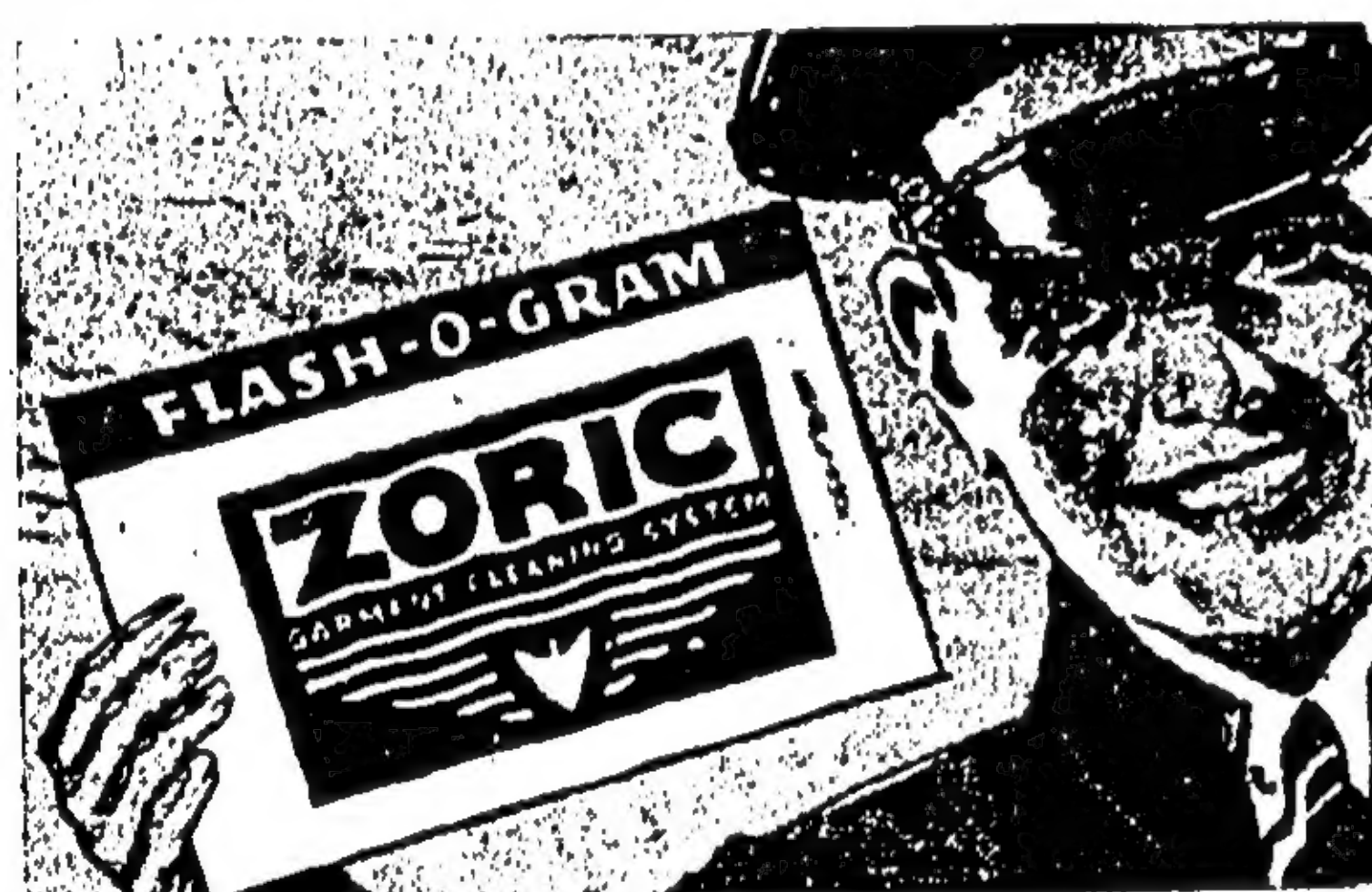
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-B	Maybo—Fox Trot	do
20045-A	I'd Love To Live In Loveland—Waltz	Wayne King & His Orch
-B	If I Forget You—Fox Trot	do
20055-A	Can't Get Indians Off My Mind—Fox Trot	Hal Kemp Orch
-B	I Just Couldn't Take It, Baby—Fox Trot	do
20059-A	Souvenir de Vienne—Waltz	Wayne King Orch
-B	Because—Waltz	do
20063-A	Old Man Blues—Fox Trot	Sidney Bechet
-B	Nobody Knows The Way I Feel Dis'mornin'—Fox Trot	do
20064-A	A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody, Tenor	Kenny Baker
-B	Remember—Waltz	do
20065-A	The Rumba—Cardi—Rumba	Waldorf-Astoria Orch
-B	Whatever Happened To You—Fox Trot	do
20066-A	Only Forever—Fox Trot	Tommy Dorsey & Orch
-B	Trade Winds—Fox Trot	do
20067-A	A Million Dreams Ago—Fox Trot	Wayne King & Orch
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Hongkong In The Scheme Of Things

While events mount to crescendo all around us, Hongkong maintains the calm and peaceful demeanour that it has worn for many years—not an attitude of complacency or apathy but one of quiet preparation beneath a surface of tranquillity. We have reason to view with confidence the days that lie ahead because, whatever happens in French Indo-China which has stolen the thunder of Chungking temporarily, our plans, we have reason to believe, are so laid that this Colony will be able adequately to play the part which has been assigned to it in the destiny of the Empire. That particular role is a strategic secret and it may be that, if we knew it, we should not altogether approve. It is difficult for us, so removed from the actual theatre of war in Europe and on the respectable fringe of the war in China, to realise that personal history counts so little in the great chapter that is being written. We can comfort ourselves, however, by the reflection that our armed preparations are well advanced, our borders remain intact, our relations with those around us continue on the peaceful if erratic course that we have become familiar with of recent years. Recent movements of troops have been made that have been kept secret; but it is no secret that Singapore is now a powerful base, defended by navy, army and air force against attack through the three elements. That includes changes that may be made in the hinterland of the peninsula, if one may use this geographical twist, for a change in the complexion of Siam and Indo-China does look imminent. The important thing to remember next to the fact that we have laid our plans, is that any nation which could threaten our position in the Far East would have to make immeasurably greater preparations to carry out such a threat. There is no nation we can think of that is capable of a successful attack on Britain in the Far East at this moment. Neither, we can add, it is likely that such an attempt will be made, at

LANTAU MOUNTAIN

... Its camp
has a history

SPRAWLED between Cheung Chau Island and Macau is a large, mountainous island twenty-one miles long, and at its highest point nearly 3000 feet high, which is popularly known as Lantau Mountain.

At the 2500 feet level of this mountain is a small encampment of cement shacks known as Lantau Mountain Camp, in the seventeen years of its existence it has become one of the favourite holiday spots within British territory in South China.

The proper name of the island is *Tai Yue Shaan*, but among Europeans the name more commonly used is *Lantau*.

Whether this Cantonese name, *Lantau* is the term for "broken head" or "orchid" remains still a matter of dispute among sinologists at the camp mess.

There are broken heads, possibly, in the rocky formations of some of the peaks, and there are orchids on the mountain.

Interviews with a few of the original settlers of Lantau Mountain Camp revealed that behind today's success lie seventeen years of struggle; a thrilling struggle with the natural elements, human nature, and contractors.

No single person can be given sole credit for the idea of building a summer camp on Lantau Mountain, because the camp's site was chosen by a group of dissatisfied missionaries seeking a "better" country.

Among the pioneers were bandit-chased veterans of Kwangtung, lofty Lofan Mountain, mosquito-infested residents from the small island across the channel from Lantau (name deleted to avoid offending C.C. Residents), and, to be sure, a few bankrupt survivors of expensive holiday trips to the mountains of North China, Japan and the Philippine Islands.

These early malcontents were bound together by the common desire to find within the security of the British Colony a mountain campsite which would furnish a high altitude at a low cost.

An attempt in the summer of 1923 to establish such a camp on the seaward slope of Tai Mo Shaan ended in disaster. No less than eleven typhoons struck the Colony that season. Each of these typhoons seemed to follow a beaten path from Lu-zon to Tai Mo Shaan.

The climax was reached in the severe typhoon of the 18th of August, 1923, which is remembered for its stunt of tossing ashore twenty-three ocean going vessels within the

waters of the Colony of Hongkong. When this gale struck the mat-shed camp on Tai Mo Shaan the campers saw their homes, furniture, dishes, luggage, and all other movable properties join the prevailing winds. They, with their children (if any) crawled and tumbled down to the foot of the mountain to spend the night in the Tsuen Wan Police Station. Thus ended the Tai Mo Shaan Summer Camp Expedition.

Here again, it was an ill wind that blows nobody good. From their ordeal the campers had learned that any camp on the exposed coastal mountains of Hongkong must be equipped with something more durable than mat-sheds. These temporary structures had done well enough at Lofan, miles in from the sea, but Hongkong typhoon winds were too much for such shelters. After one or two subsequent explanations on the opposite slope of Tai Mo Shaan, and, also Saddle Mountain, the quest for the perfect campsite seemed to lag. No spot got unanimous approval, so through the winter of 1923 nothing more was done.

Someone fixed his longing eyes on the towering heights of Lantau one day, and was inspired to suggest an expedition to the top of it.

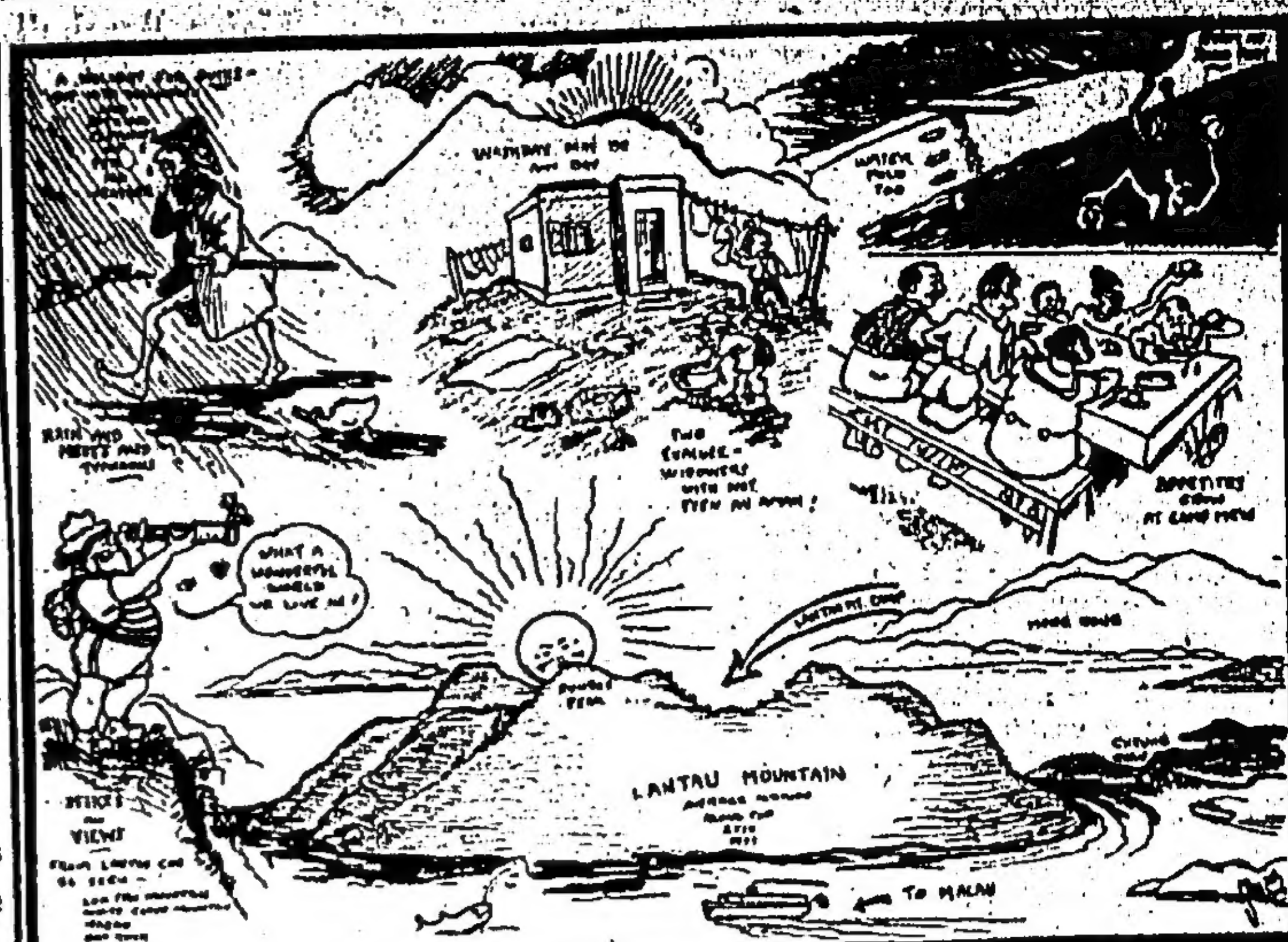
In the summer of 1924 an expedition party left Cheung Chau by small Chinese boat and sailed to the village of Mool Wah, from where they made the ascent to the present site of Lantau Camp.

We can imagine the dismay of the frolicking deer and the wild pigs of that mountainous wasteland as this party of intruders pushed upward.

But civilisation marches on! These daring pioneers not only braved the Lantau heights once, but again, and again. Some of the party actually had mat-sheds erected and enjoyed a short holiday on the mountain that summer.

By this time the Lantau "boom" was in progress, and the Hongkong Government was besieged by applications for plots of land on the chosen site of Lantau Mountain Camp.

Among the first explorers are names well known in South China missionary circles during the past two decades; Dr. Mitchell of the London Missionary Society, Rev. John Foster of the English Methodist



Lantau High Points.

Mission, Miss Alice Carpenter, of the Ming Sam School for the Blind, Canton, Rev. F. H. Wilkinson of the New Zealand Presbyterian Mission, Mrs. Paul J. Todd of Canton, Dr. Oscar Thomson of Canton Hospital and his brother, Rev. Herbert Thomson of the American Presbyterian Mission.

Now that the site was chosen the various owners hastened to get on with the building. Mr. May was in South China at the time as architect for the English Methodist Mission's building program. The Lantau estate approached Mr. May with a request for some sort of a house-plan suitable for such a camp as Lantau.

At first the shacks were planned to be as alike as peas in a pod. The outside measurements were to be eighteen by sixteen feet, and walls of concrete would be from twelve to fourteen inches thick. Not more than three rooms to a shack were provided for.

During these days when the shacks were being built there were many adventures to relieve the monotony. The contractor was robbed of his payroll once.

Other incidents similar to the following one kept the hardy pioneers on their mettle. Mr. McRae of the United Church of Canada, now in Kowloon, was one of the first to arrive. He was clearing his plot of stones one day in preparation for the builders, and just below him was a tent used by his neighbour, a Mr. Howe.

Inside the tent slept a tiny infant, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Howe. In his prying about Mr. McRae accidentally tipped a boulder which, to his horror, rolled down toward the tent. It smashed the tent but missed the baby by a few inches.

By the summer of 1926 the shacks were nearing completion. The names mentioned as being among the first residents are; Beecher of the Church Missionary Society, who planted rhododendrons about a shack which still blooms, a gay trio of (then) bachelors, May, Foster &

Hollings, Lindsay, Wannop, McRae, Howe, McDonald, Old, Shoop and Dobson. The two men who claim to have been first to live in their Lantau shacks are the two Thomson brothers, Oscar and Herbert, who stayed in their shacks before even the doors or windows were put in.

From such beginnings there has gradually developed the modern camp of to-day.

A camp mess-hall was built a few years ago which is capable of accommodating over seventy people, if necessary.

Daily coolie service up and down the trail enables the camp to have regular comradre service from Hongkong. Two newspapers a day arrive in camp, and two mail deliveries a day are provided. The original tiny shack of 1926 has now developed into larger and better equipped ones with water systems, clothes dryers, beds, and in one shack electric light!

Some of the pioneers look a bit sad at these new-fangled improvements. The city is once again crowding them from one of the last frontier outposts in the Colony.

Perhaps the Old-timer will move on someday. He will sell his shack to some of the fashionably dressed newcomers who must have their daily paper and wireless news broadcast. Then he will pack a few tins of "grab" and some hardtack inside his battered old knapsack, and slide off to the wilder horizons west of Sunset Peak for a "new stake". It was good while it lasted.

Old Doc Dobson, famous for his negro stories and jiggling was the man who rolled the first stone to start Lantau's swimming pool. Now the cold waters of this pool over 2000 feet above the sea adds an unexpected touch of luxury to the camp.

Tai Mo Shaan and Saddle Mountain are easily seen from Lantau on clear days, of course, but points much more distant may be seen, too. With glasses it is possible to see Gap Rock, Macau, White Cloud Mountain at Canton, and Lofan Mountain. Some disgruntled campers who have struck a long wet season have been on Lantau several weeks without seeing even the camp. It is a question of visibility.

with mees thes ten years, a faithful servant, it somewhat bemused, and with a large family. And this problem I doubt affects a many at the time. For to dismiss him I have not the heart, and to pension him I have not the money. And so I reprimand them both. After luncheon the City Watch ring me upon the electric telephone to say they have arrested my coolie in the act of pawing some of my silver cups. But after talk it appears that hee did purloin some of my he-child's when hee was packing to leave mee at the end of August and did keep them hidden for a space. Then as there did arise no hue and cry for a fortnight hee did take them to put in pledge and the vigilance of the City Watch was too much for him. After all this I doe get me in despair to my Clubbe and in the Snake Pitt I find some pretty Ladies of my acquaintance and my gloom is somewhat lightened. Home and dined upon a fiasole which I must ever doe when I have lamb to my luncheon party on Sunday. But it likes mee not.

17th.—All day did feel somewhat discomposed in body and I perceive Ba must learn to eat lamb, for at present hee eats naught but rice and fish. Talked with a King's Officer who had retired to New Zealand before the war (being called back later), and I am minded that this country is one that I should see.

18th.—Missress M. did eat her luncheon this day in the Gripps but both our offices being thronged with work wee were much hastened. Saw Betty there for a space but shee was also thronged with business. This day for the first time upon an ordinary week-day I did leave my office at five of the clock and so to the Clubbe and home much earlier. Did see to a bed after playing a little with Ba who I fear mees becomes more and more a kitchen cat.

19th.—Up very betimes and very busy all day—the weather being pleasant with a nip to be felt in the early-morning. This night I close my diary early as I am bidden to a cocktail party and it may be shall go on after to the Picture House. So of the events of this evening I must write to-morrow.

Mr. PEPYS Telegraph Saturday Feature

in HONGKONG

13th Sept.—This day I doe bid a forrayne friend of mine to luncheon at the Clubbe and also Mr. Cakes an officer of one of the King's shippes here and much pleasant talk. And indeed beyond pleasant conversation I doe get little pleasure in these days seeing that I care not for the picture houses. At about 6.30 I doe return to my house where comes Povey and wee doe talk of my garden which has lain fallow all this summer and is in a sadde state. But I am minded to try some sulphate of ammonium dug in before the bed bee planted, and then well watered. For it is too delicate a fertilizer for a Chinese Fa Wong to use, for should it come at the roots or stem of a growing plant it killeth it. But something I must doe for this summer I have not dunged the ground in July as is my wont, for I had no heart for it then and indeed the break in the Penke Road was no encouragement. Mr. Povey

least in the immediate future. In the period of waiting much may happen; we shall get stronger; our critics may find themselves of our way of thinking—and, we wish we could add as confidently—peace may come to the Far East if not to Europe.

and I did drink a glasse or two of strong waters and so hee home and I to laying out my garden, but first I must grow my seedlings. At this time I have a plenty dahlias strong grown but they will not come to flower for three weeks or so I believe and I live in terror of a typhoon. Ate my dinner with Ba asleep on a chair beside mee and so to bed.

14th.—Wrote to my wife, poor wretch, who I fear has many worries in her life besidee bombas seeing shee hath to look after and direct our two half grown children. It chances that our bombas have been dropped at both their schools and when I think of her worries I doe take shame for some of our evacuees. At Mr. Calbeck's Creed did desire to dub them where too wet for that. Thereafter they did with one accord begin to talk gunnery until a quarter after one when wee left and Major O'Trigger, another soldier and my-selfe finding Mr. Swift's car outside did commandeer it, which was the naughtiest thing possible as Mr. Swift had to come aloot to the Bowling Alley where wee were minded to comfort him with Hollands waters. But hee was in haste to return home and so got neither car nor liquor. Lunched at the Clubbe and read until five to bowl at the Cricket Clubbe and the first in which I have played for many months. After, to the Clubbe for some discourse and to choose mee a booke or two and so home to an early bed.

15th. (Lord's Day).—Up pretty betimes and ordering the house and where I doe first luncheon that I give when alone in the house. So I sent out for flowers and did arrange them myselfe which did please me mightily as I have not done this many days. But it was pretty to watch Ba playing with the 3 stalks of the gladioli as I did cut them shorter.

But as an article of diet it was clear he was not impressed. Later my preparations being completed I lay in the garden with my booke and read very pleasantly until my guests did come, Mrs. Lock and Mrs. Raleigh and their Lord's. And so very pleasantly wee did drink a glasse or two and present the big black ants with toothpicks which have skewered a small sausage or bacon and buttered eggs. And these they drag to their nests as I suppose albeit each ant be but one thirtieth part of the length of the toothpick he drags. Took our

half grown for the first time on Sunday for night four years in my dining room where I am getting a new shade fitted to the big center light and fresh shade shades. And so by degrees the room shall come to look as I did remember it before, though I would rather have it a nursery were John David and being gone I did read in my garden until nigh a half after six. Then in for a space and later to climb up the back path to Mr. P. Morrison who bids mee drinke a glasse and there I find Mr. R. Redde and they tell mee of a great fight in my servants quarters where they throw pots at each other! But I will take no notice of it until I have taken a glasse or two. However, on my return I find that it is but the Boy and the market coolie who are as foxed as may bee. And for the Boy it is fortunate as hee did fall down half the flight of steps that leads to the servants house of office and had broken his neck with out doubt had hee been sober. Dined the number two boy serving mee and so to bed.

16th.—At a half after eleven of the clock I did make inquisition into the drunkenness last night hailing the offenders to my office. And the coolie, who is either too young to be drunken or too old to be a market coolie I had dismissed incontinent but for the case of the Boy, who hath been



—Queen's. Alhambra.

Benny also registers his speciality in a barlesque ditty of the open



Quisling method, by making use of his friends inside the country he

The Roman Empire has claims of its own in Southern Europe, and

and yet did nothing to save Austria. Indeed, he applauded Hitler's annexation of Austria.

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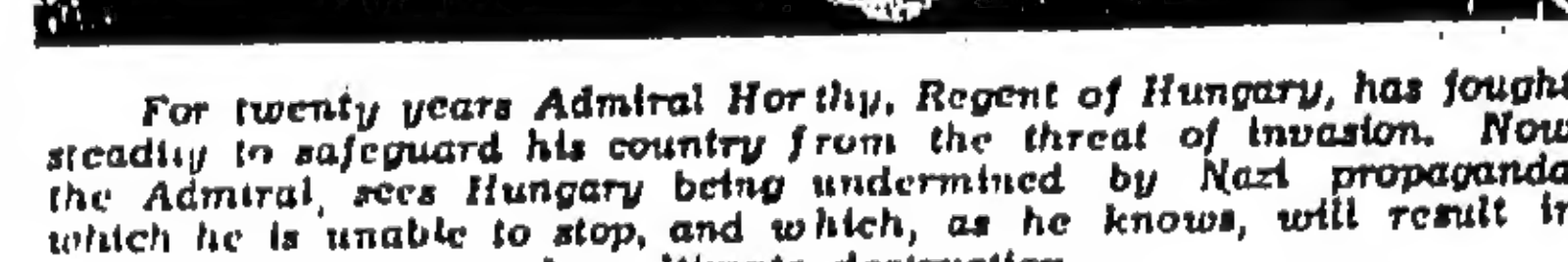
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Yet even these German outposts
not so dangerous for Hungary as

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00 Right.

Great, and the literary tradition of Goethe and Schiller, cosmopolitan and nonpolitical. United first against Napoleon, the Hitler, and the author believes that some day the army chiefs may become disillusioned and break with their present Fuhrer.

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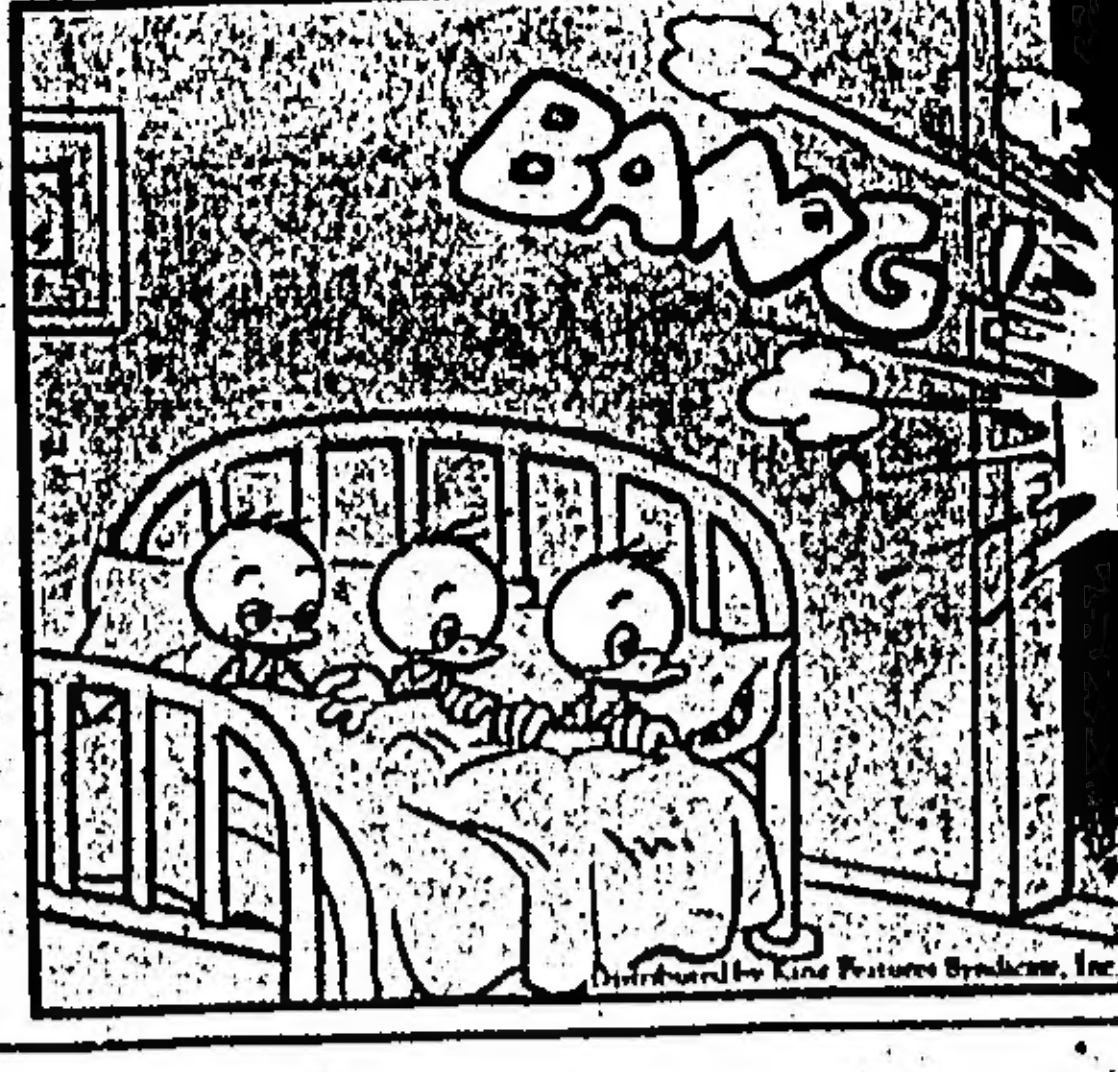
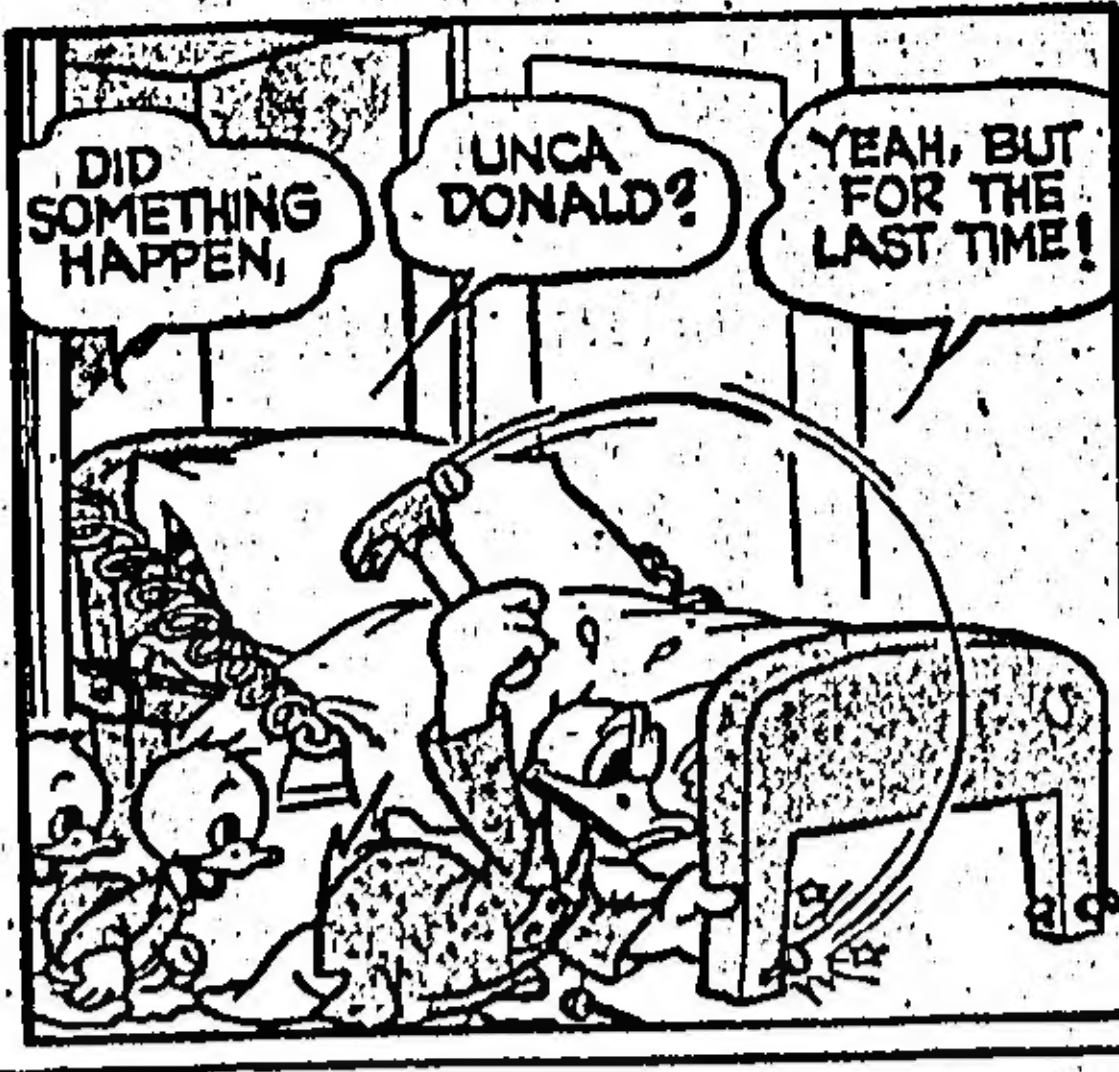
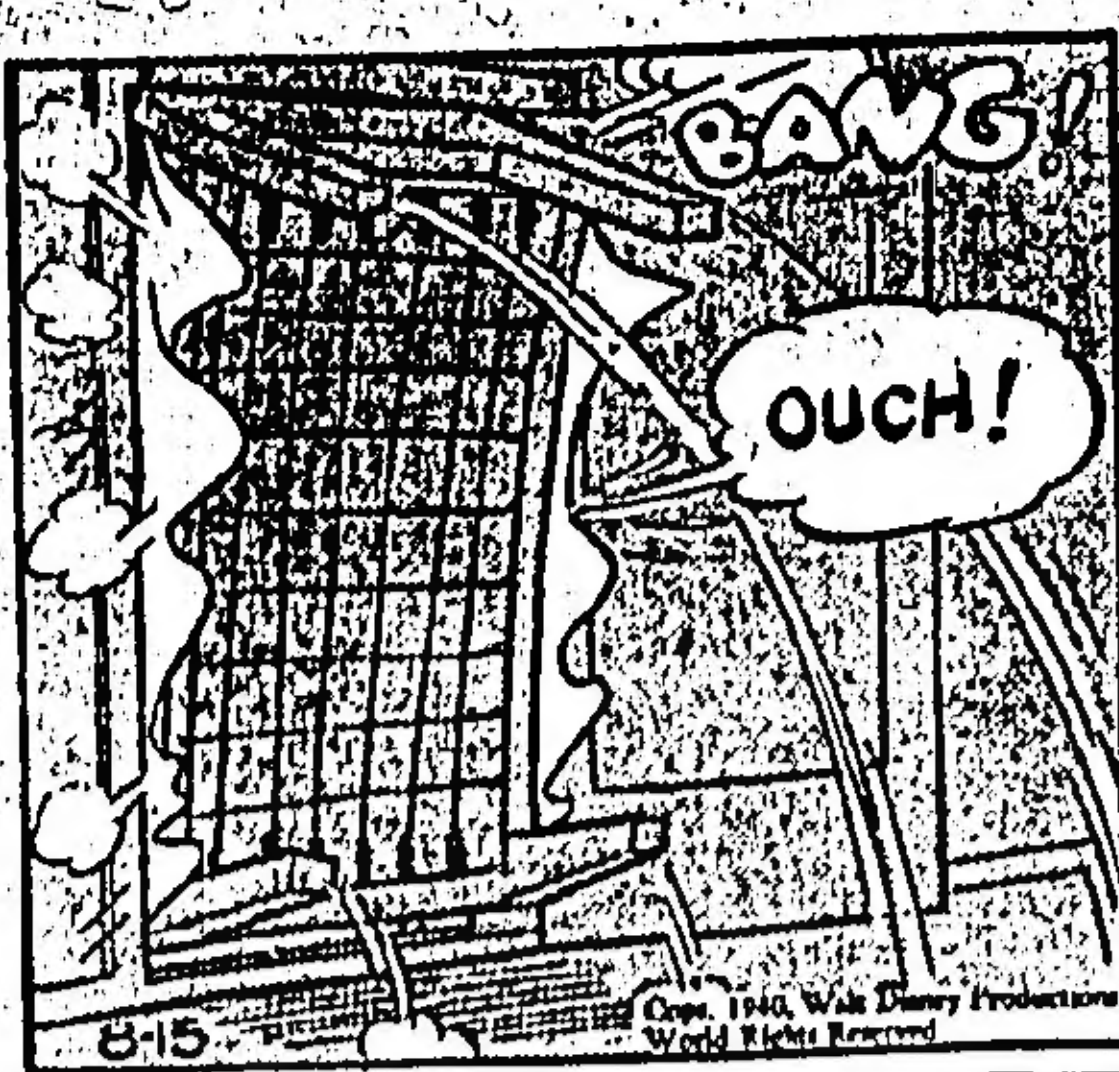
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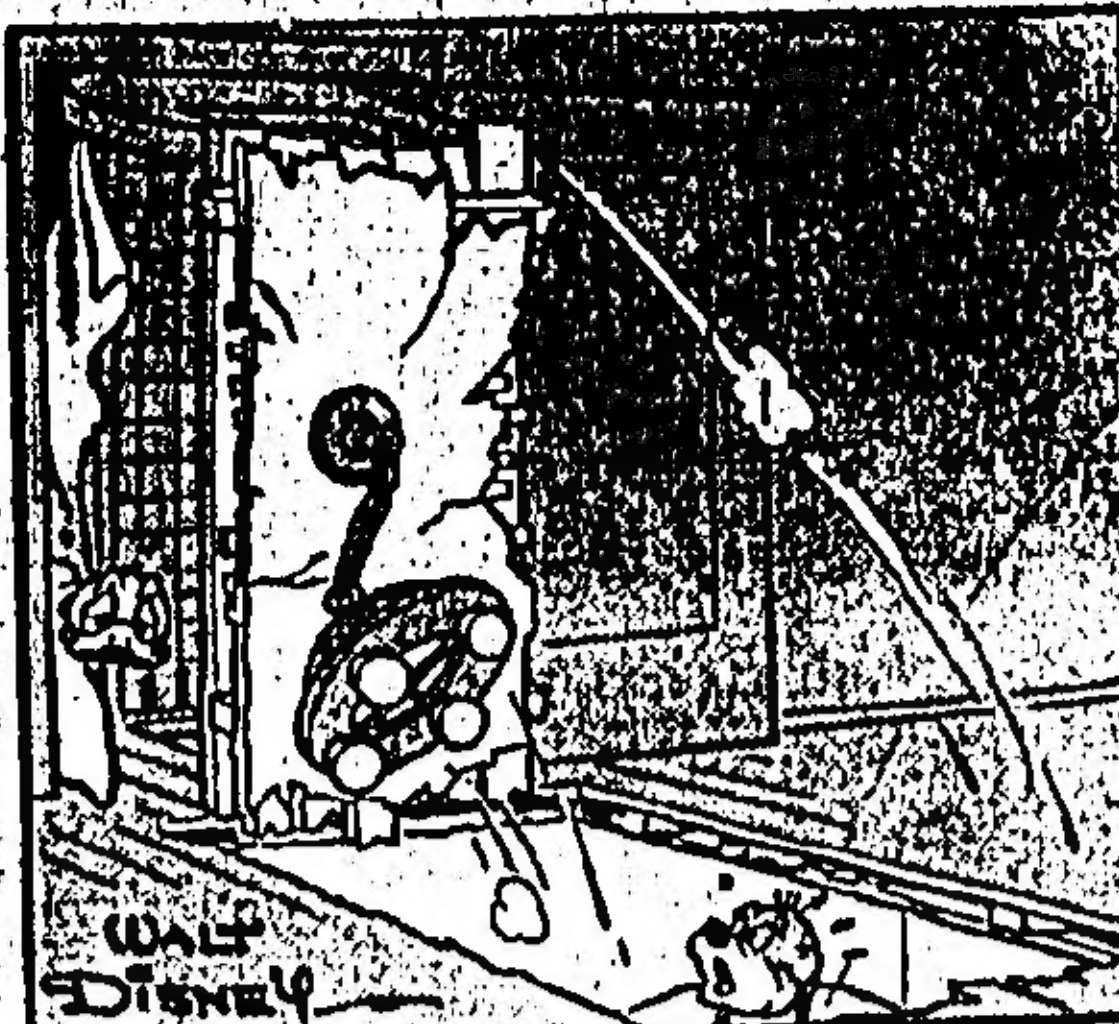
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GAMES PAGE

WEEK-END QUIZ

ARE you gadget-minded? Or suggestion-minded? Do you ever fidget and say to yourself: "Why don't they do this—or that?" when you yourself have hit on a good idea?

For instance—why not:—

Make rubber washing-up gloves with corrugated finger tips so that you can grip soupy dishes.

Equip traffic police with green as well as red torches for use in the black-out.

Fit kitchen sinks with a removable grille which can be lifted out and shaken clean when choked.

Fix a bar to step-ladders to grip when you're teetering on the top step.

Attach tapes to eiderdowns, which, tied to the bed, prevent them sliding to floor during the night.

Manufacture boots for men with zip fasteners for use in air-raid calls.

Add to each shoe-cleaning outfit a celluloid ankle guard, so that you can clean your shoes on your feet without soiling your socks.

For quick-wits

1. Can you think of any word (apart from Welsh place names) which has 28 letters?

2. Add three letters before the word ERGRO—and add the same three after ERGRO—and make a well-known word.

Lexiconundrums

FIVE difficult words here—with explanations appended. Unfortunately, I haven't put the right explanation alongside the right word. You do it.

STYLOBATE—an ancient musical instrument.

PSEUDEPIGRAPHOUS—pertaining to peas, beans, clover, etc.

SILLABUB—a pavement or base to support columns.

SACKBUT—a mixture of elder and milk.

LEGUMINOUS—falsely inscribed.

You ought to know

If you're to understand the news as it breaks, you should know:—

1. The capitals of (a) Rumania, (b) Hungary, (c) Bulgaria, (d) Jugo-Slavia.

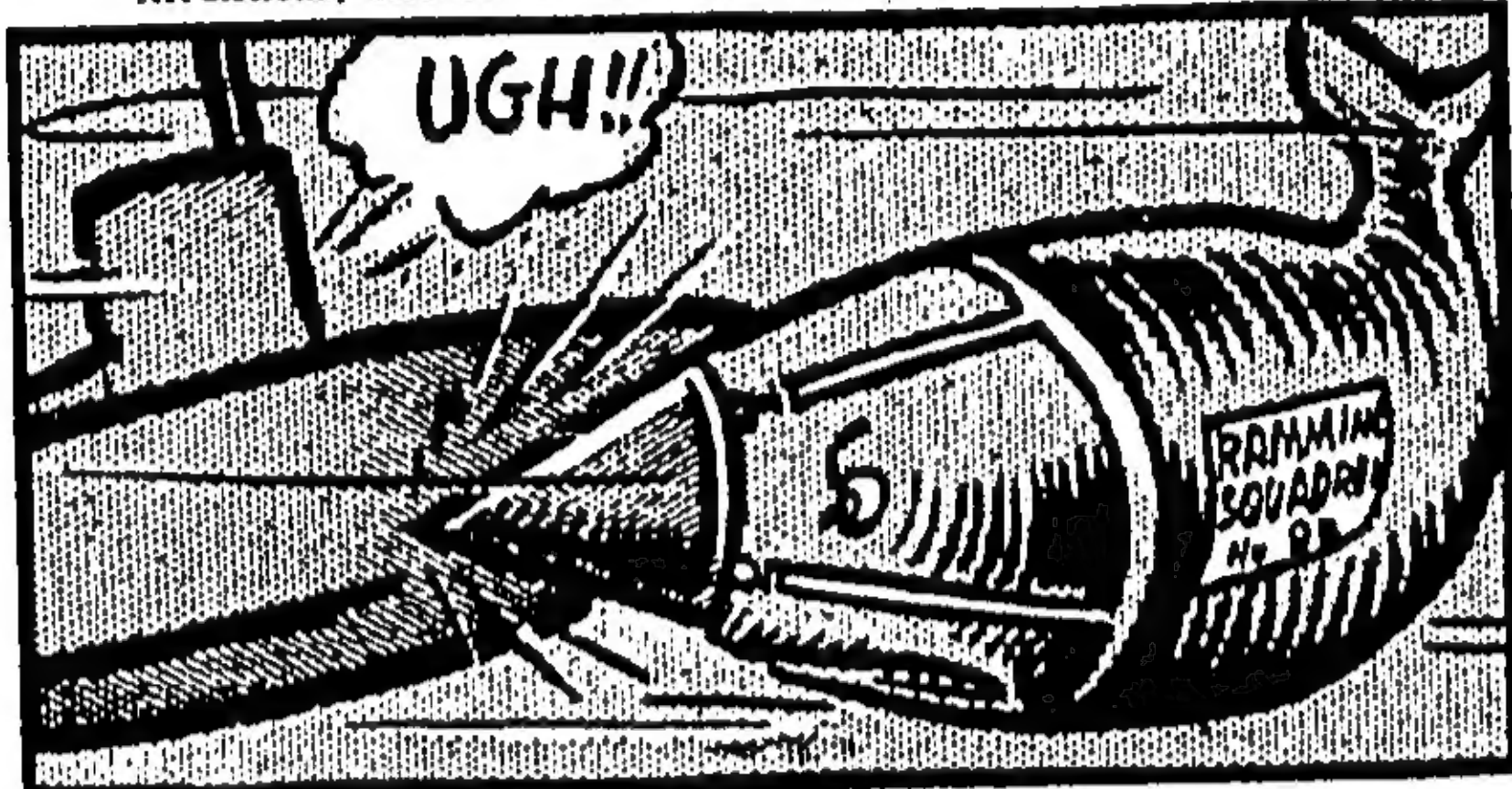
2. Name of the Republican nominee for the U.S. Presidency.

3. The Premiers of (a) Canada, (b) New Zealand, (c) South Africa, (d) Australia.

4. Name of the Governor of the Bahamas.

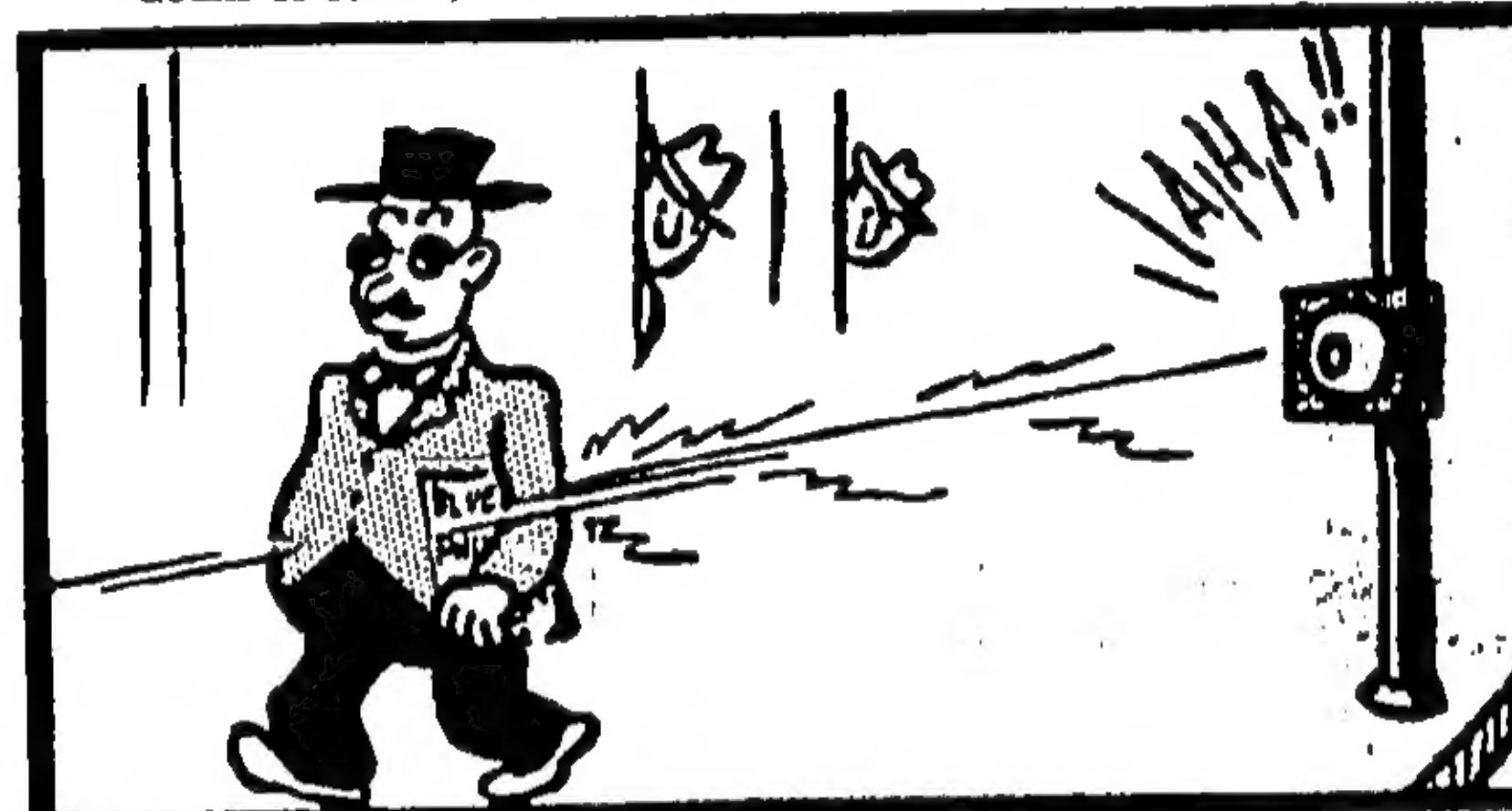
With the Inventors

There's no famine of ideas on how wars should be fought and won, the U.S. War Department is discovering. Trouble is, a harvest of such ideas produces a lot of chaff. These ingenious inventions, offered to the department, give you the idea:



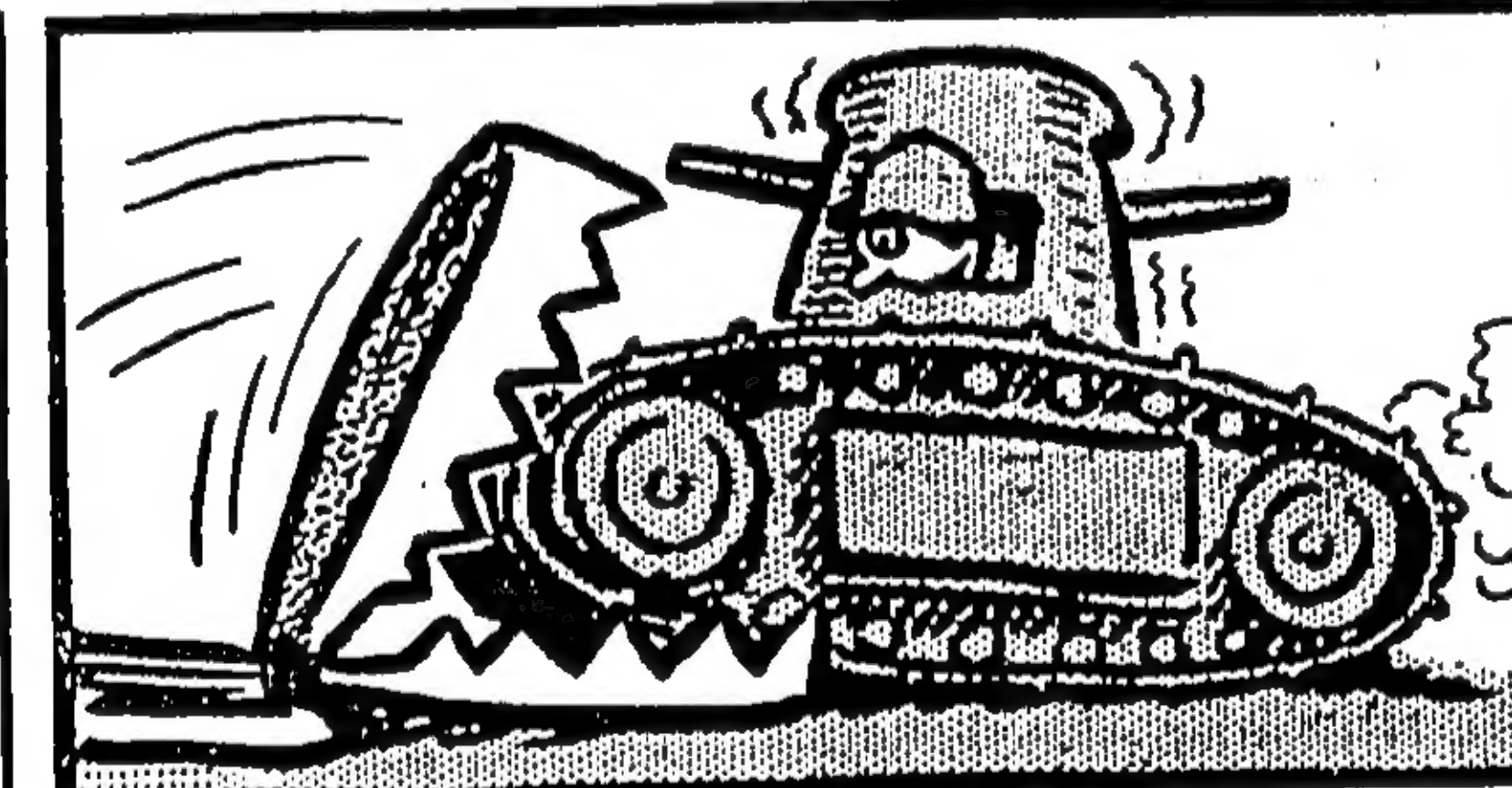
whales as battering rams

A modern Jules Verne proposes that whales be used to sink enemy submarines. The whale would be armoured with a steel ram and sent out a-hunting. (Once caught, a trifling detail of course, and not molest the local favourites.)



a machine to spot blueprints

A combination electric eye and X-ray which would react only to blueprints has been offered to help the FBI in its pursuit of spies. The contraption would be adjusted to peek into pockets of passers-by and sound an alert to FBI agents who would be lurking just around the corner.



an over-size trap for tanks

One inventor sought a patent on a giant trap which would catch tanks. The unsuspecting tank would trip the trap, the massive jaws would snap shut, and there would be Mr. Tank, hors de combat for duration.

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YOU THINK YOU KNOW, BUT ARE YOU CERTAIN?

1. An honorarium is (1) an honour bestowed for bravery (2) an act of mercy (3) a fee.
2. The Kentucky Derby is a race open to (1) four year old horses (2) all horses (3) three year old horses.
3. That chain you may have seen hanging from gasoline trucks is there (1) to attract attention (2) to warn small boys (3) to ground electricity.
4. If you wanted to buy a truffle, would you go to a (1) milliner (2) grocer (3) hardware store?
5. The Flying Fortresses were built by (1) Boeing (2) Douglas (3) Sikorsky.
6. If you had a helicopter would you (1) eat it (2) fly in it (3) attach it to your automobile?
7. A collier is a (1) coal miner (2) collar manufacturer (3) dog fancier.

8. The Gila Monster is a (1) mythological dragon (2) man-eating alligator (3) poisonous lizard.
9. Are the young of camel called (1) camellias (2) calves (3) foals?
10. Is the (1) olive tree (2) oak tree (3) mulberry tree an accepted emblem of peace?
11. A milkop is a (1) weakling (2) milk-drenched cloth (3) candy bar.
12. If you had an infant terrible, would you (1) see a doctor (2) spank it and put it to bed (3) send it to the laundry?
13. Sulla was a mortal enemy of (1) Marius (2) Alcibiades (3) Xenophon.
14. Gresham's law concerns (1) alimony (2) currency (3) capital punishment.
15. Are (1) meters (2) megacycles (3) kilocycles used to measure radio wave lengths?
16. Trepanning is an act performed by (1) engineers (2) surgeons (3) African reptiles.
17. What number, when 12 is added to its double, equals 26?
18. How many planets are there?
19. What's the difference between camel's hair and alpaca?
20. If you wanted to see a scuff, would you go to a (1) museum (2) boathouse (3) biology lab?
21. What is a ghost writer?
22. With what was the Garden of Eden guarded to prevent the return of Adam and Eve?

23. If you planted a seed upside down, would it germinate?
24. I am neither a father's nor a mother's son, yet I am the child of human ones; what am I?
25. Are you more closely related to your parents than to your brothers and sisters?

ANSWERS

1. (3) A fee.
2. (3) Three year old horses.
3. (3) To ground electricity.
4. (2) Grocer.
5. (1) Boeing.
6. (2) Fly in it.
7. (1) Coal miner.
8. (3) Poisonous lizard.
9. (3) Foals.
10. (2) Olive tree.
11. (1) A weakling.
12. (2) Spank it and put it to bed.
13. (1) Marius.
14. (2) Currency.
15. (2) All are used.
16. (2) Surgeons.
17. Seven.
18. Nine.
19. Genuine camel's hair comes from the camel. Alpaca comes from the South American goat of the same name.
20. (2) Boathouse.
21. A person employed to write under another's name. Usually well-known persons who are unable to write well, employ professional writers to write stories, articles, etc. for them.
22. Cherubim and a flaming sword.
23. Yes.
24. A daughter.
25. No. You share only one-half common blood with each parent, whereas you and your brothers and sisters are entirely of common blood.



QUIZANSWERS

For quick-wits.—1. Antidisciplinaryism. 2. Underground.

Lexiconundrums.—Stylobate—a pavement, or base to support columns. Pseudepigraphous—falsely inscribed. Sillabub—a mixture of elder and milk. Sackbut—an ancient musical instrument. Leguminous—pertaining to peas, beans, clover, etc.

You ought to know.—1. (a) Bucharest, (b) Budapest, (c) Sofia, (d) Belgrade. 2. Wendell Willkie. 3. (a) Mackenzie King, (b) P. Fraser, (c) General Smuts, (d) R. G. Menzies. 4. Duke of Windsor.



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THE Germans have a clear plan of what they intend to do in case of victory. I believe that I know the essential details of that plan.

I have heard it from a sufficient number of important Germans and persons closely in touch with important Germans to credit its authenticity, the more so as previous information regarding military strategy which emanated from the same sources has been completely confirmed by the events.

Germany's plan is to make a Customs Union of Europe, with complete financial and economic control centred in Berlin. This will create at once the largest free trade area and the largest planned economy in the world.

In western Europe alone—Russia is another chapter—there will be an economic unity of 400,000,000 persons, skilled, civilised white men, with a high standard of living. To these would be added, if the Nazis can manage it, the resources of the British, French, Dutch and Belgian empires pooled in the name of European Germanism.

The Germans count upon political power following economic power and not vice versa. Territorial changes do not concern them, because there will be no "France" or "England," except as language groups.

His Reward

The Belgian King will remain on his throne, and may be rewarded with the throne of Holland. Mussolini will remain on his balcony and Victor Emmanuel on his throne; other Governments will be set up, but no nation will have the control of its own financial or economic system or of its Customs.

The Nazification of all countries will be accomplished by economic pressure. In all countries contacts have been established long ago with sympathetic business men and industrialists, and those who have been openly hostile will be punished by boycott.

The German occupation armies will fraternise with the Allied soldiers, and persuade them that the great social revolution has occurred.

As far as the United States is concerned, the planners of the World Germanism laugh off the idea of any armed invasion. They say that it will be completely unnecessary to take military action against the United States in order to force it to play ball.

They point out that there will be no other foreign market for raw materials and agricultural products



Wife of Sinclair Lewis, the novelist, Dorothy Thompson, at 51, is America's most spectacular political commentator. A handsome woman with dark hair turning grey, a fine complexion and piercing eyes, she has a masculine mind. In the last two years she has earned a six-figure income from journalism, lecturing and broadcasting. "The situation" (as she calls it, meaning European politics) is the paramount interest of her life.

plished by invasion at a time when her very meagre Army was decimated in France. Unfortunately for the plan, the British Army escaped, and to-day Britain has a stronger armed force than at any previous moment in the war. The Nazis' plan was to blast a channel or channels across the Channel—probably from Antwerp or Calais. They would sweep mines from a fairly narrow channel with speedboats and submarines and heavily mine both sides of it, transporting troops under the cross-Channel fire of heavy guns of a size and range not yet used in this war.

Nazi troops now concentrated in Norway would be used for the invasion simultaneously of Scotland by giant submarines, boats and planes.

Assault troops would be landed at the same time at half a dozen points along the coast. The Nazis have speedboats which can carry 200 men and can cross several times a night.

They consider London the easiest city in the world to invade, once the troops have landed. Their views, of course, may have changed with the increase in the defences of Britain.

All operations were to be accompanied by terrific air attacks.

'Our Terms Or—'

The British Isles, if the Germans succeed, will be held as hostages for the Empire and the Fleet. It is contemplated that the Fleet will be scuttled or will go to Canada.

"But," they said to me, "no new stand can be made in Egypt or in Canada or elsewhere in the Empire or among the commonwealths, because we shall have the British Isles at our mercy, with the entire population. We will destroy the ports and cut them off from food. They can either sign on our terms or be systematically starved."

The Nazis believe in the system of hostages. They now admit that they tried it first with the Jews to see whether world-Jewry would buy out its co-religionists. They thus demonstrated that the humanitarian impulses of the world are one of their own most useful weapons.

Stalin's Role

Russia will not be invaded. "We have no interest in the political system," Stalin will work with us. We are only interested in the organisation of the Russian transport system, in increasing the production of the oil wells and exploiting minerals.

"Russia is full of our engineers, and more of them will be welcome. The Russian system will be welcomed. We are all right, but it needs Nazi discipline and German technical skill to exploit it. Slavs cannot organise."

The Nazis still do not believe that the proletarian workers in any country will seriously oppose them—even if they could. They argue that the tendency in all democracies demonstrates that workers only want to eat and have work, and care nothing for national matters or for individual liberty.

What remnants are left of the proletarian epoch myths will be terrorised out of the workers by the Gestapo. "And," they add, "there is nothing that capitalists will not do, if profitable. Democracies have taught their people, workers or corporation chiefs, to believe only in money."

And, finally, only the master race, the Germans, will be allowed to bear arms.

Europe as Hitler would like it . . .

The United States, since these can be sold in the Western Hemisphere.

In the United States, as in every other country, they have established relations with numerous industries and commercial organisations, to whom they will offer advantages in co-operation with Germany. Certain conditions will have to be met.

The planters will be asked to sell their meat, cotton, and raw materials to Germany in exchange for machinery, industrial material, automobiles, etc., or whether they want to be boycotted.

Inasmuch as the chief market of South America is Europe—and obviously the United States cannot take these products, which compete with its own—they count on the complete breakdown of the Western Hemisphere policy.

No orders will be taken from or given to firms headed by persons "American," they say, "will be regarded unfavourably by the Nazis. No advertising contracts will be placed with newspapers directed by or publishing the work of pro-Ally or anti-Nazi editors or writers. (This is exactly the way in which the Press of south-eastern Europe.) The immense gold reserve of the United States will be rendered worthless. The international currency will be a managed currency, the German mark, and all external trade will be based upon barter. This new world-wide complex will want raw materials, and will pay for them in manufactured goods.

A Stampede

The United States will become an economic colony, for its economic independence will be lost. There will be immense demands upon the Southern and Middle Western States for cotton, wheat, etc., and upon the mineral wealth of the country, which the Germans will take at high prices measured in terms of manufactured articles.

The German planners predict a stampede of the South to colonial trade with this system. This stampede will be fostered and directed by their agents.

South America will be conquered by business agents, not by guns. The knock-out of Britain under the German plan was to be accomplished by business agents, not by guns.

Hitler Bans Radio to U.S. As 'Reprisal'

ALL German services have been cut off from the Mutual Broadcasting system, one of America's "big three" radio companies, because one of Hitler's speeches was faded out by thirty-one Pacific Coast stations affiliated with the system.

Hitler's Press chief, Dr. Otto Dietrich, said that the Mutual would be banned until "satisfactory explanations" were received.

A correspondent in Berlin has been broadcasting to the Pacific coast network twice a day. This is now stopped.

Mutual has told Dr. Dietrich that it is not responsible for the action of the affiliated stations.

"Harmful"

The Portuguese Government newspaper Diario da Manhã suggested that Germany wants peace because Hitler thinks the collapse of the British Empire would be harmful to German interests.

If the Empire collapsed, adds the newspaper, Japan would take over India, Russia would take over China, and many British Dominions and colonies would turn to the United States for leadership. Germany cannot wish for this.

German newspapers declared that "a magnanimous peace offer has been rejected" and "a unanimous fist will now fall upon the Island Empire."

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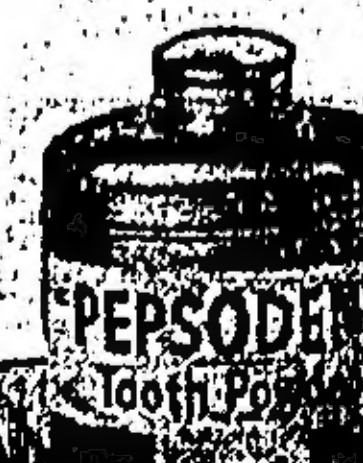
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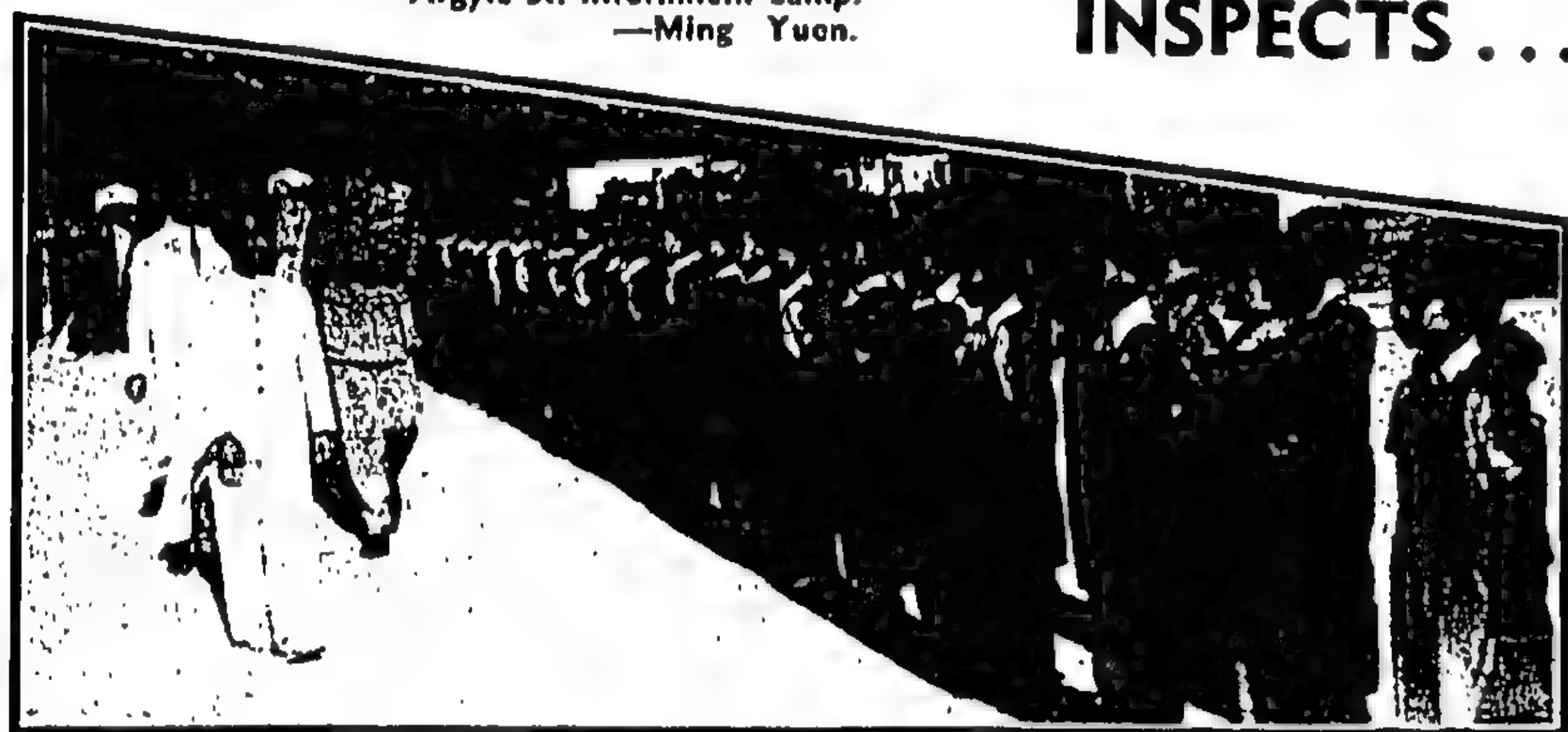


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H.E. the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton inspected a number of Hongkong institutions recently. Photos show him (top to bottom) at the Ma Tau Chung camp, King's Park camp and Argyle St. Internment camp. —Ming Yuen.

THE GOVERNOR INSPECTS...



CHOLERA OUTBREAK

The rapid spread of Cholera in Kowloon has sent thousands of residents scurrying for inoculation. Picture shows some of the schoolchildren who were handled in batches during the week at Kowloon Hospital.—Ming Yuen.



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usually go furthest in life



But there are DANGERS that have to be watched during childhood

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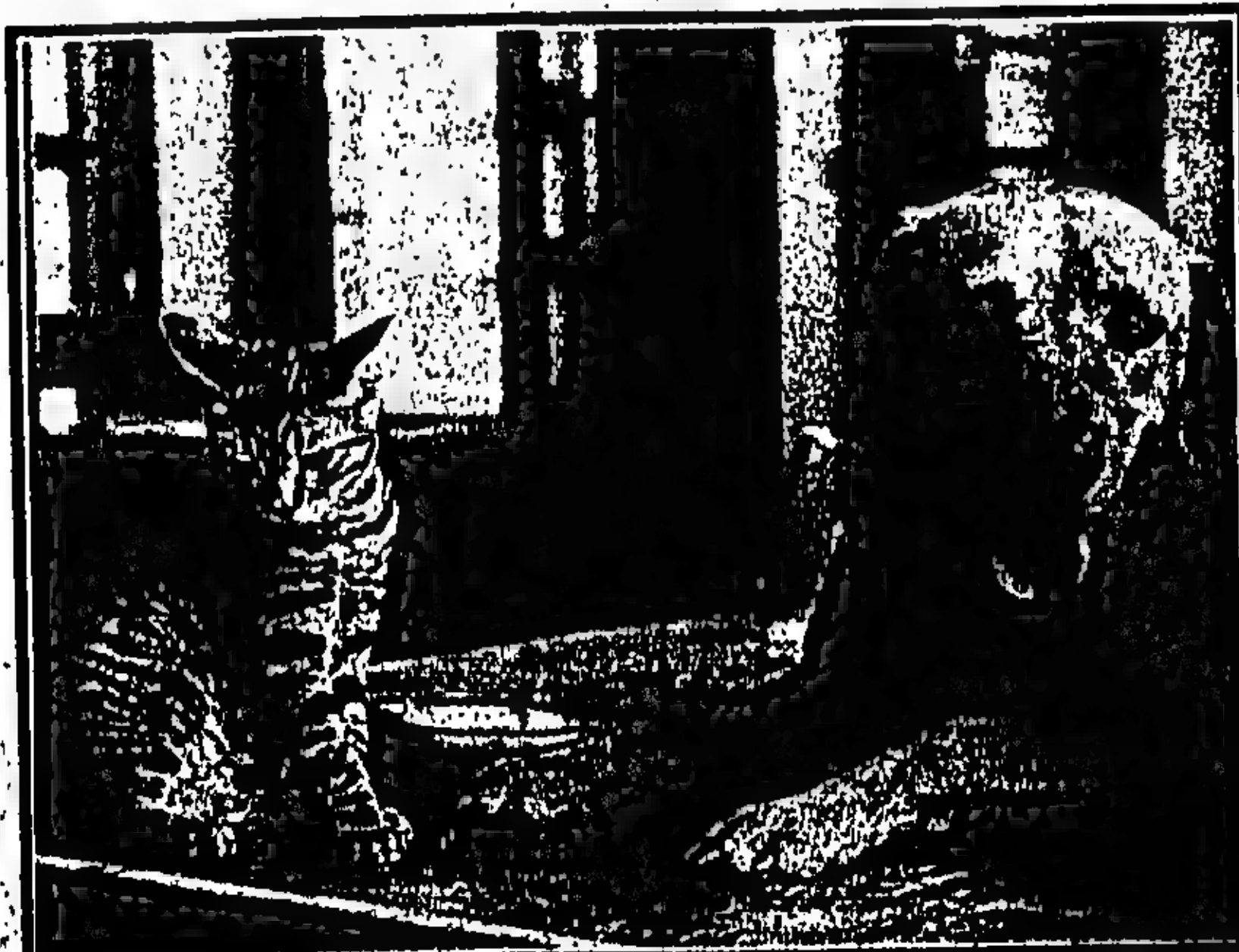
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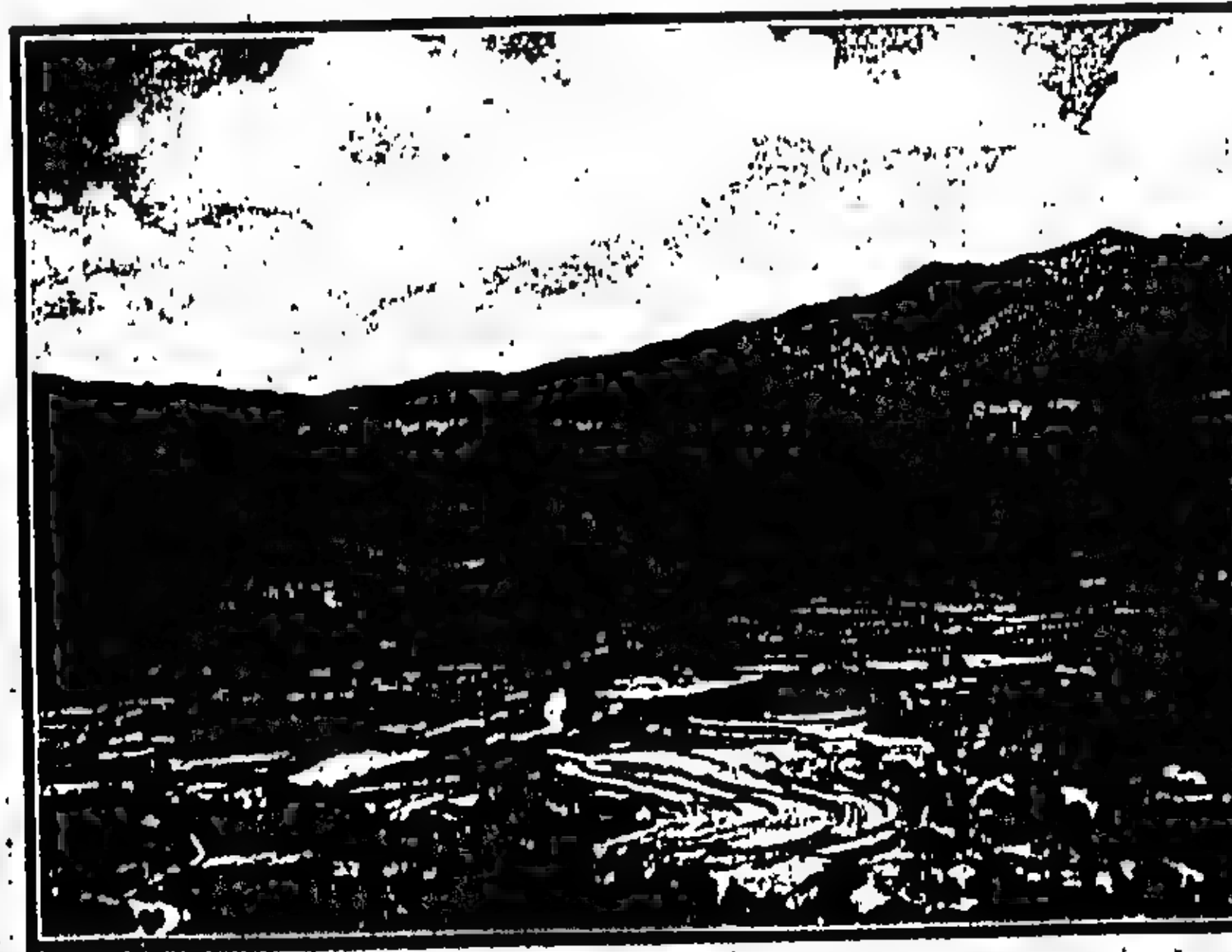
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AMONG the ships of Britain's north Atlantic patrol was the 17,000-ton *Scotstoun*—once the *Anchor* liner *Caledonia*. At 6.18 a.m. on June 13 a torpedo under the stern crippled her. At 6.48 two more torpedoes hit her amidships, blew up a magazine. She sank at 7.18.

All but two officers and four ratings of her 350 complement were saved. And here is the story of *Scotstoun's* fight—told by Chief Petty Officer Frederick George Bishop and Signaller Ronald Gold.

by
**FREDERICK
G. BISHOP**

I WAS already awake when the first torpedo struck. It was a stunning, sickening sensation, and the ship seemed to jolt to a standstill, just as if she had run up against a cushiony wall. The shock flung me out of my bunk. While I was picking myself up, my ears still ringing with the explosion the alarm buzzers started.

I heard afterwards that this first torpedo had shattered the steering gear and screws, rendering the ship helpless. It had also ripped open the after hold, throwing most of the buoyancy cargo into the sea, and had wrecked the wireless aerial. The ship was settling by the stern. I went at once to my action station in the sick bay two decks below, saw the attendants assembled, and started laying out morphine syringes and bandages, collecting surgical instruments and stripping the operating tables for the arrival of the doctor.

Of course, I didn't know what had happened except that it was something serious, because after a collision the engines had stopped, and we were rolling so heavily it was hard to keep on one's feet. I remember thinking when the casualties started to come. But I kept busy on the routine jobs of preparation, because that helped to keep one's mind off wondering what was happening upstairs.

All the same, it was a relief when I heard the guns start thundering and knew that, whatever it was, we were hitting back. The doctor came in just then and greeted us with a grin and a quick, approving nod at what we had done. He had been this ship's doctor in peacetime, by the way—a young Scotsman named Burns and as cool a customer as I have ever known.

It seemed only about ten minutes had gone by (afterwards I knew it was nearly half an hour, but it is amazing how quickly time passes when you are concentrating like we were), and I was having a last check-over, when I noticed that the instrument dishes were not big enough for my liking.

Terrific Bang

I remembered that I had a very big developing tray in my cabin (I go in a bit for photography in my spare time).

Going across to the doctor and bawling above the noise of the gunfire, I asked permission to go up and get it. I reached my cabin and had just got my hands on the tray when the second explosion occurred. That was the two torpedoes blowing up the magazine near the sick bay.

It was the most terrific bang I have ever heard in my life and it knocked me out for a moment. I came to lying on the floor in total darkness, because all the lights had gone out. The sudden list the ship had taken had slid me up against a wall, but strangely enough, I was still clutching the developer tray.

Thudding Away

Groping, I found the door and got it open. Volumes of smoke and cordite fumes blew in. Still groping along in the blackness and leaning sideways against the list, I found my way along the alleyways down towards the sick bay. I thought: "What's the use, they must all be gone now and the ship's going 'bo'." But, of course, your action station is your action station until re-

lieved or ordered away. And the guns overhead were still thudding away.

There was one bad moment at the last companionway down. I put my foot out from the top step and there was nothing there. Luckily, I was holding the handrail. Pulling myself together, I went round another way and got into the dispensary, and there, like an absolute miracle, were the others, the doctor holding a torchlight. Apparently they had followed the doctor into the dispensary to carry out some more materials when the explosion took place.

The ambulatory (dressing centre), where they had stood a few minutes before, was now a gaping hole right down to the interior of the ship. Everything had vanished—floor, tables and all—and you could see the sky through the blown deck tiers above.

Following the doctor's torch, we made our way up to the main promenade deck, and there learned that the order had been given to take to the sea. The ship was now listing right over with the edge of the main decks awash.

With my sick bay party I went forward towards my boat station, but very slowly in case there were wounded to be picked up and attended to among the wreckage.

We passed gun crew after gun crew still at it and up to their waists in water. A lot were stripped down to the pants and shirt in case they might soon have to swim for it. But they grinned at us as we passed. Looking out over the sea towards the great plumes raised by our shells, I noticed it was covered with floating barrels that had been blown out from the ship's sides. As we passed the last gun crew I actually heard them singing above the noise of the firing, bawling "Roll Out the Barrel" as they were passing the shells and running their home.

"Passed Out"

Then I got to my boat station and found the boat already in the water and nearly full. Sliding down the falls—a tricky business, because in the swells the boat was up one minute and down the next—I got in and we pushed away from the sinking ship.

In the boat, I am not ashamed to say, I "passed out" for a bit. But a lot of us were pretty well done in, and were lying across the thwart. And some were sick because of the wild motion of the boat after the ship. The shock and strain of the past hour helped. And hunger. None of us had had food since the night before.

—and here the story is told
By RONALD GOLD
who was on the bridge

I REPORTED to the "killick" (Navy slang for petty officer, so-called from the anchor, or killick, he wears on his sleeve badge) and got my orders to run up as many ensigns as I could. Getting up on an ensign on each available mast is always a first step when a warship goes into action. The ensign goes up and stays up till the ship goes down. We get as many up as we can in case some get shot away.

I managed to get three ensigns hoisted on the foremast, mainmast and on the gall aft. It wasn't easy, because the radio aerial was in a tangle on the decks and the aftermast was leaning over all skew-whiff as a result of the first torpedo's unsuiting it from its housing.

A Good View

That job done, I decided to get back to my cabin for my trousers, ship.

Because the wind was pretty cold and the list would still enable me to get there. Then I reported back to the bridge. From the bridge and stare along the side. He was and in between my jobs I had a batless, his white hair blowing good view of the action spot, and about in the wind. We waited, but from the other signaller I learned we weren't surprised when he half a lot about the beginning of it.

Nobody seemed to have spotted shoulder. "Take to the boats." The source of the attack before the message was passed on, and one after first torpedo struck. Then two other gun crews went to their ocean-going U-boats were dis-bent stations or slid over the side covered far out on the starboard on to rafts.

The alarm sounded immediately during the first explosion, washing on the klaxons, and a few minutes about in the waves at its base. At later our 6-inch and stern high-length that stopped, and survivors angle guns began their uproar, climbed up the steeply sloping deck. The ship lay wallowing in the and joined the captain, the doctor, trough of the swells—a wide-open the chief gunnery instructor and the target—and torpedo after torpedo rest of us on the bridge.

Some of the men were singing as we pulled away to watch the *Scotstoun* go down.

The lieutenant in my boat stood up and called for three cheers for the *Scotstoun*. Those who could stand up cheered, and I could hear those in the other boats and rafts do the same. Then she was gone.

Just after midday a Coastal Command plane appeared, circled over as I got to the bridge I saw a radio us twice, and then flashed with an operator coming down from the Aldis lamp: "Cheer up, there's a broken aftermast. Somehow he had destroyer coming."

From my boat I saw the captain holding grimly on to the bridge rail, pedoes coming at them so, through-out the action, one of the stern high-ers over the side. But at a nod angle guns, depressed to its lowest from the first lieutenant the little point, was actually firing at the tor-group seized him by the arms and pedoes and diverted several from plunging with him down the sloping their course. I myself observed at bridge and into the water, where a least six bounce out of the water and boat picked them up.

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These "why-didn't-some-one-think-of-it-before" ideas come in response to a "Why not?" competition. Of many sound A.R.P. suggestions the best is: "Many people have a pair of old radio headphones. Remove inside, fill with cotton wool as an ear protection against gun fire and bomb blasts." Two other good ones: Exhibit in public places the various types of bombs—incendiary, high explosive, fuse, etc.—so that you can recognise and deal with them if unexploded; spray roads with green paint as camouflage from air attack.

And a lot more—mainly from housewives, with simple suggestions for easing their daily jobs. Baby's shoes: Fit rubber toe-caps to protect shoes and floors. Old umbrellas: Strip them and use the framework as a clothes-drier for collars, socks, handkerchiefs, etc.

managed to climb up that mast and re-rig the aerial, and now he was racing towards the radio cabin. I learned afterwards that, within three minutes of reaching the radio room he had managed to get a code message over. Those three minutes helped to save us, because a minute later the last two torpedoes hit us, wrecking the radio apparatus and the aerial—for good this time.

The next minutes are a bit of a blank, with the ship going over further the whole time. But I remember watching the water creep up round one of the gun crews hard at work on a 6-inch.

First knee deep, then waist deep in water, they held the shells high above their heads as they fed their gun. Then, as the increasing angle of the sinking ship put the gun out of action, they went and helped out at another.

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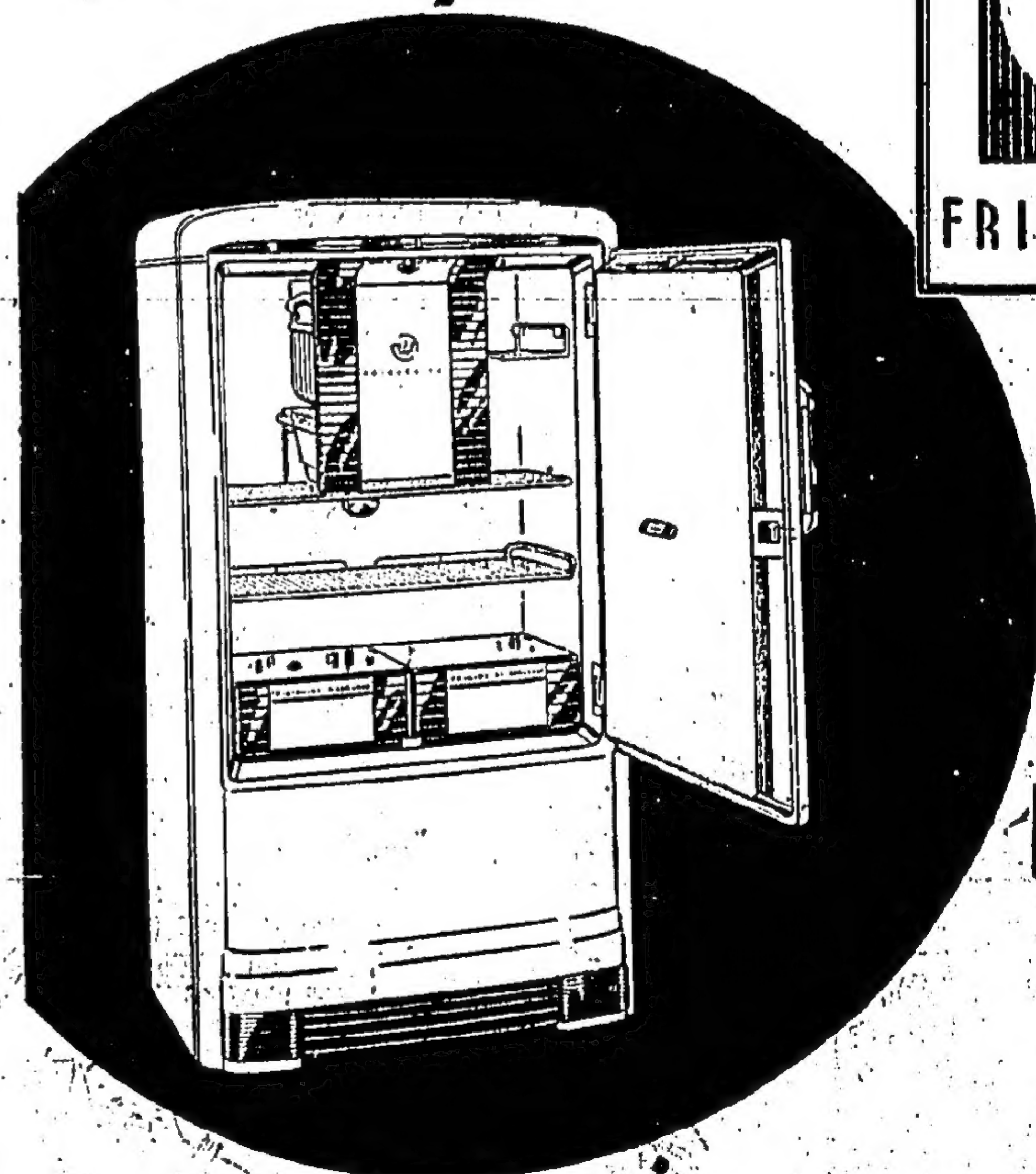


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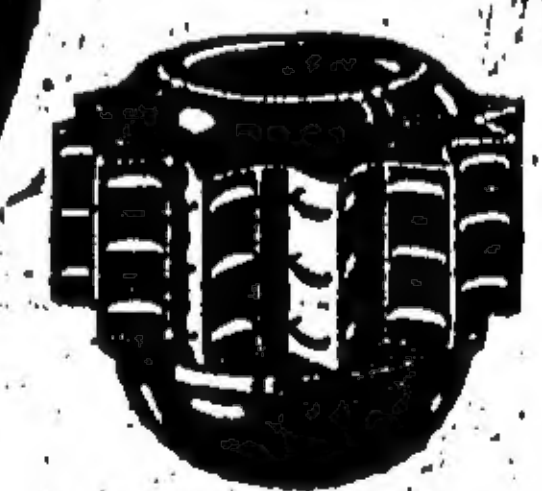
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BACK TO LIFE

"How do you feel this morning, Jack?"

"Tight!"

"Like that, eh?"

"Worse than that!"

"Good party, though. Never enjoyed an evening as much for years."

"I've never tasted a morning as much. I'm still yawning sleepily on my bed of pain. In fact I don't suppose I shall ever get up again. Send me some books from time to time, will you? And a few flowers. Tell the boys I'm keeping a stiff upper lip."

"Has nobody told you about Glimet? I stuck to them all evening. Feel as fresh as a whole field full of daisies."

"You mean that Road's Lane Juice takes care of the hangover before it starts?"

"Definitely. It's known as 'a therapeutic agent' if that conveys anything to you."

"It might, if my mind could grasp words of more than one syllable. I say, I think I'll send out for some right away. May as well retroactively thank for ringing old boy. I feel better already. See you one of these days at the club. Good-bye."

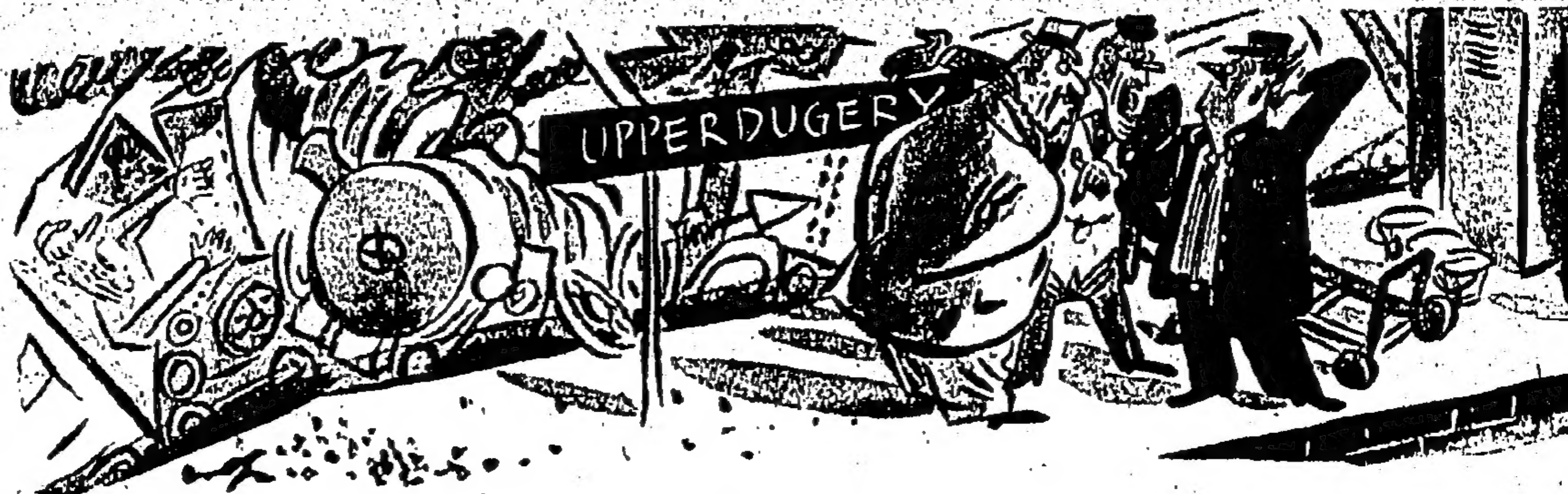
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I'm glad I gave up being a stationmaster. There's too much responsibility. Small country stations are the worst, although the big ones are not much better.

ON my last station, scarcely a day passed without a train-wreck of some kind owing to some trifling matter of signals.

A mob of investigating officials visited me while I was dusting the sandwheels in the refreshment room.

"This won't do!" they said. "You've got four engines and 40 carriages all piled up in a heap at the station. We don't know whether it would be cheaper to shift the wreckage or shift the station."

"Well, you can see how it is," I replied, polishing a bun with my handkerchief. "A man's only got one pair of hands, and if another train comes through while I'm serving in the refreshment-room, or doing a bit of gardening on the platform, that's not my fault."

"Where's your assistant?"

"He got killed a fortnight ago. I had him down on the track polishing the lines outside the station, or I'll resign," I said.

and a train came along—that's it. The one lying on its side."

"How did that happen?"

"Well, the lines are a bit knocked about. I think there's a couple of rails missing, here and there."

"Great heavens! What was that awful crash!"

"That would be the three-fifteen. She's running a bit late. Some of these engine-drivers are terribly careless."

"He couldn't have seen the STOP signal!"

"Hah! That explains it. I forgot all about the signal. How silly of me."

"I'm afraid, my man, that we shall have to relieve you of your post."

"You mean I'm discharged?"

"Sacked?"

"Yes."

"Don't you talk to me like that. I said."

I always say that just because a with every season ticket bought. But man has to work for a living is no as this would have entailed the em- reason why he should have his playment of a large staff and there was insufficient room in the ticket office, I had to abandon the idea.

Some bosses are like that. They try to order you about and get you to do things. If it weren't for the wages I get each week, I wouldn't work at all.

There was all my work in the Railway Department gone to waste.

I HAD started off as a packhorse, carrying luggage for miserly, skin-flint passengers, opening carriage doors for them and piling their luggage into the racks and all I got for it was a pink smile or perhaps sixpence.

From there I graduated to the ticket office. I didn't last long in there because they said the returns from the sale of tickets fell off fifty per cent. while I was in charge.

They couldn't reconcile this with the fact that there had been still about the same number of tickets sold as before. They even went so far as to say that I'd appropriated half the takings.

I maintained a dignified silence towards this accusation.

After all, I'd let them be in fifty-fifty with me. All they had to do extra passenger means a definite loss to us. We are trying our office and I had to do all the work. And it took every ounce of salesmanship I had to sell some people going to places.

I was showing a fair profit in the ticket office, and at one time and making a supreme effort it is thought of printing my own tickets and giving away a free tea-towel year than last year.

After all, there's not a great deal of scope for a man of intelligence in the railway service. The men in charge are not progressive enough.

You know those men who go around trains tapping the wheels with a hammer? I observed this ridiculous procedure and in a special letter to the superintendent I pointed out that the men had no possible chance of knocking a wheel off with the type of hammer used.

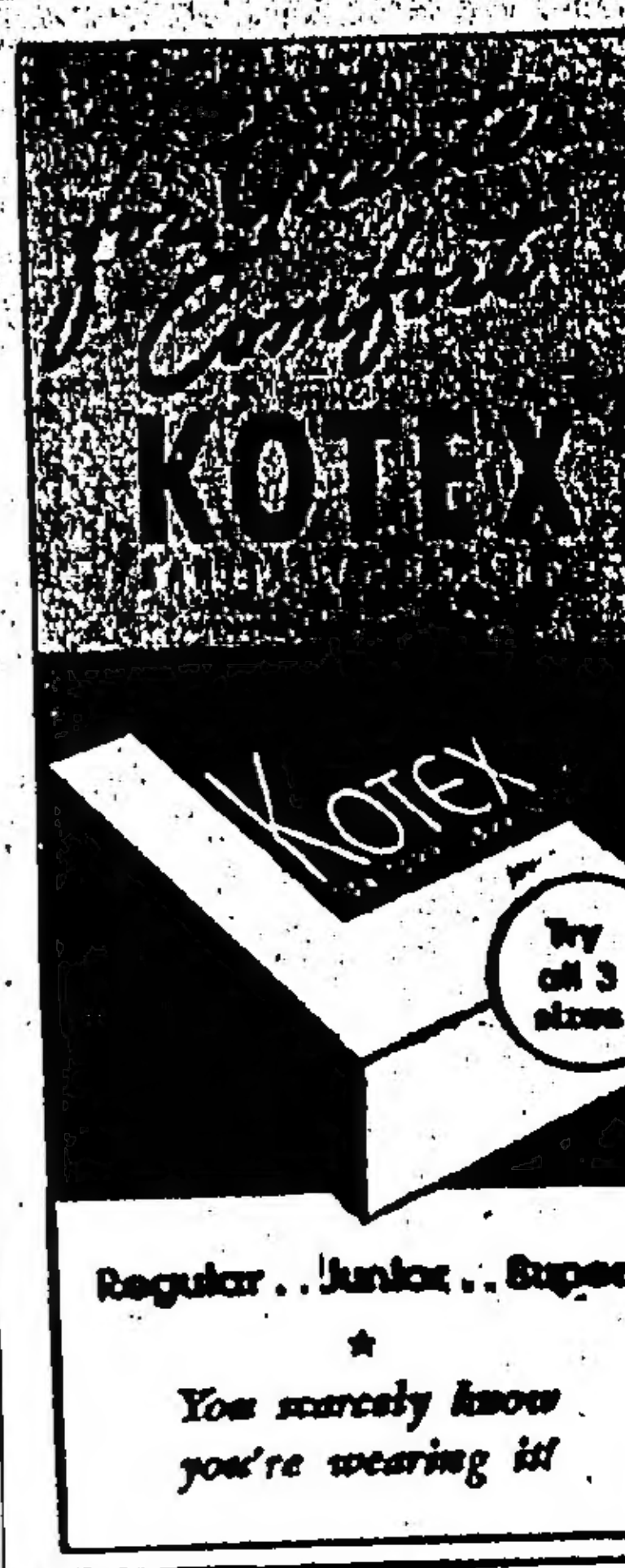
I suggested that sledge-hammers be used and offered to demonstrate my ability to smash a wheel right off in one blow.

This offer was promptly considered by all departments in the usual spirited Public Service manner, and two years later I received a reply for as to say that I'd appropriated half the takings.

No wonder the railways are running at a loss.

As the Railway Commissioner said to me only the other day, "Every passenger means a definite loss to us. We are trying our utmost to discourage traffic on our railways, but people will insist on going to places."

The Department, however, is trying hard, and by all pulling together the ticket office, and at one time and making a supreme effort it is hoped to make a bigger deficit this year than last year.



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The Women Go To War!

by
**SUZANNE
LEIGH**

"YOU are standing up to the war splendidly. You look so placid and show no sign of war nerves." Dr. Edith Summerskill, the copper-haired, slim, good-looking woman who is M.P. for Fulham, said that to an audience of women.

I think she's right, don't you? But women are not placid because they are doing nothing. Every week now you notice how more and more women are playing their part in the war.

We've got women bus conductors, and booking clerks. More waitresses in big hotels and restaurants. Women as cashiers behind the counter at



Blow a chorus of praise for the women.

Where will the headquarters of world fashions be now? Who'll design our clothes? London is making a bid to take the time-honoured place of Paris. I watched a grand fashion display in the West End a few days ago, with lovely mannequins slinking across a salon floor in the most attractive dresses and evening gowns.

It took me back to those all ready rather misty in the memory days of before this war. The parade of silk, satin, and tulle was the most tempting glimpse of luxury.

But the clothes were not intended for you and me in Britain. They were for export, to U.S.A. and South America.

London is trying to capture the export trade in clothes that once belonged to Paris, and the shrewd women buyers from abroad, and their London agents, were eyeing the products of designers like Hartnell and Digby Morton, with approving eyes.

Lots of people think that Hollywood may take the lead in fashion. But the film city cannot cater for British women very well. We shall need trim, very businesslike clothes for the next few years, and Hollywood's glamorous creations will not strike the right note.

Have you joined the "Housewives' Service"?

It is a special new war service for women. A very simple and practical form of help, too. "Neighbourly women" are wanted, women who will promise to help in the small human ways, like sitting with elderly people, or invalids, in air raid shelters, helping other women with their children in air raids, and so on.

This is really a service of good neighbours, a league of women who will do all the small acts of kindness that go to make wartime life bearable.

If you join, you get a small square cardboard window card, with the words "Housewives'

Service" and the badge of the Women's Voluntary Services, on a pale blue background.

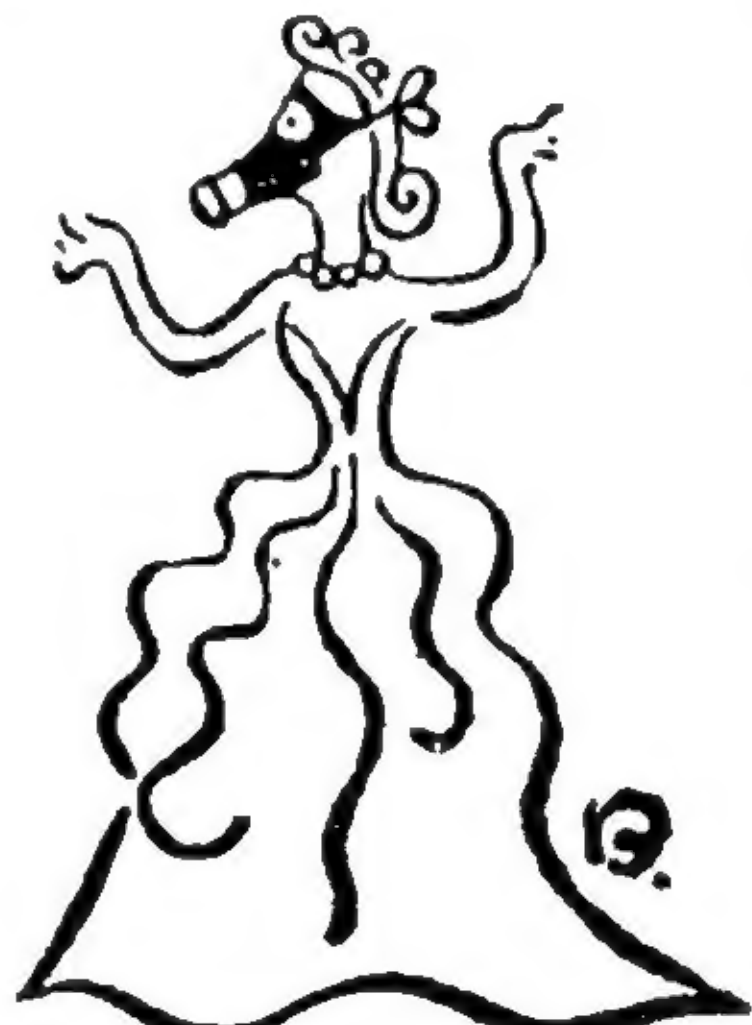
The power and influence of women is great. Wise men realise that, and act accordingly. Lord Beaverbrook, Aircraft Production Minister, wanted aluminium. He asked the housewives of Britain for their aluminium pots and pans.

And the housewives gave him millions of them, in a matter of days. That shows what women can do.

Then there was the Winchester telephone operator, who had the smart idea of collecting sixpences and shillings to buy screws for Spitfires. She and her colleagues collected 38s. and sent it to Lord Beaverbrook.

That shrewd man mentioned the gift in his radio talk. Result? Women all over the country are making similar collections.

But women can show coolness and endurance and sheer physical courage in war. Remember



The clothes we shall need now

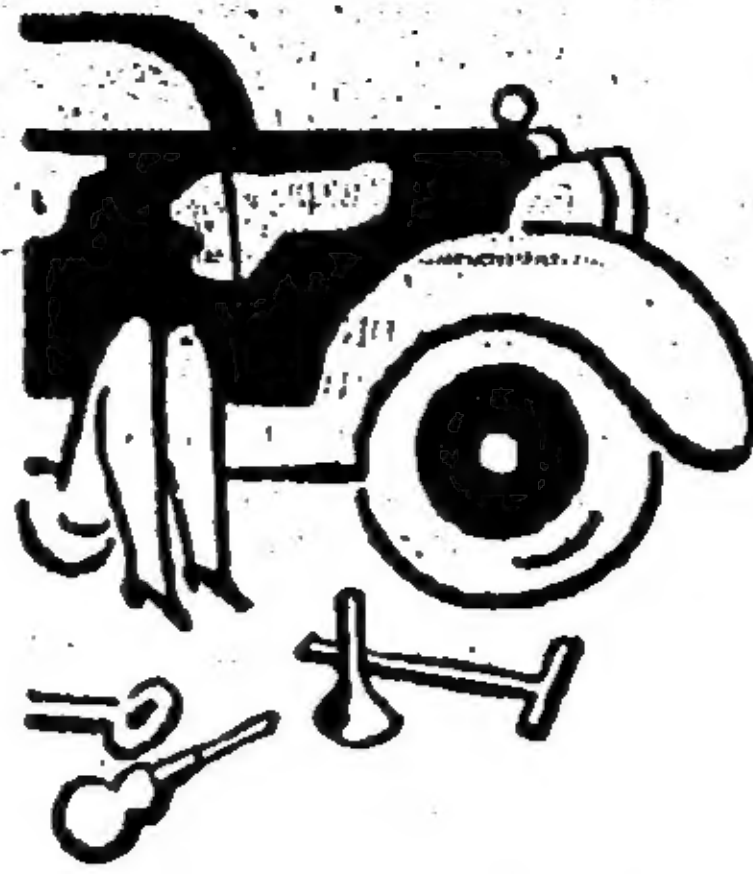
the nurses and telephone operators who for days remained on the beaches of Dunkirk under a hail of bombs, shells and machine-gun bullets, tending the wounded and helping to get our boys away?

Remember Mary Borden's ambulance unit, twenty-five women, who somehow found their way clear across France from the Maginot Line to Bordeaux, bombed and chased by the Nazis?

And there was the woman who single-handed sailed her small boat across the Channel and on to Dunkirk beach, picked up a load of British boys, and brought them safely back.

Oh, yes, women can show courage that calls forth the admiration of the toughest man.

There was Mrs. E. M. Cardwell, wife of a North-East Coast farmer, who alone and unarmed walked up to a 6ft. German bomber pilot who had landed in



Running repairs by Miss Smith.

her fields by parachute, and made him give up his arms. They rightly gave her the O.B.E. for that piece of cool pluck.

And Assistant Section Officer Joan Pearson, of the W.A.A.F., who now wears the Order of the British Empire.

THAT DECORATION RANKS NEXT TO THE V.C.

Joan Pearson, vicar's daughter, and former photographer of children and holidaymakers in Cornwall, was awarded the E.G.M. for pulling a British pilot out of a wrecked plane, knowing that bombs in it were likely to explode at any minute. When a bomb did explode, Miss Pearson flung herself on top of the wounded pilot to shield him, as she dragged him to safety.

That courageous, unselfish piece of quick thinking saved several lives.

Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, knows the value of women's work. He has a committee of women M.P.s to assist him in mobilising the women of Britain.

Mr. Bevin appealed for women to work, part time, for a day or two a week, in factories, so that other women could take a brief rest. Is that something you could do?

And the R.A.F. wants women as cooks. There's a woman's job for you.

Here's a footnote that will cause argument. A big wartime employer of women said that in his experience married women are more adaptable, have a better brain for learning a new job quickly, than unmarried women.

He puts that down to the training of running a home. So wives have an advantage in war work.

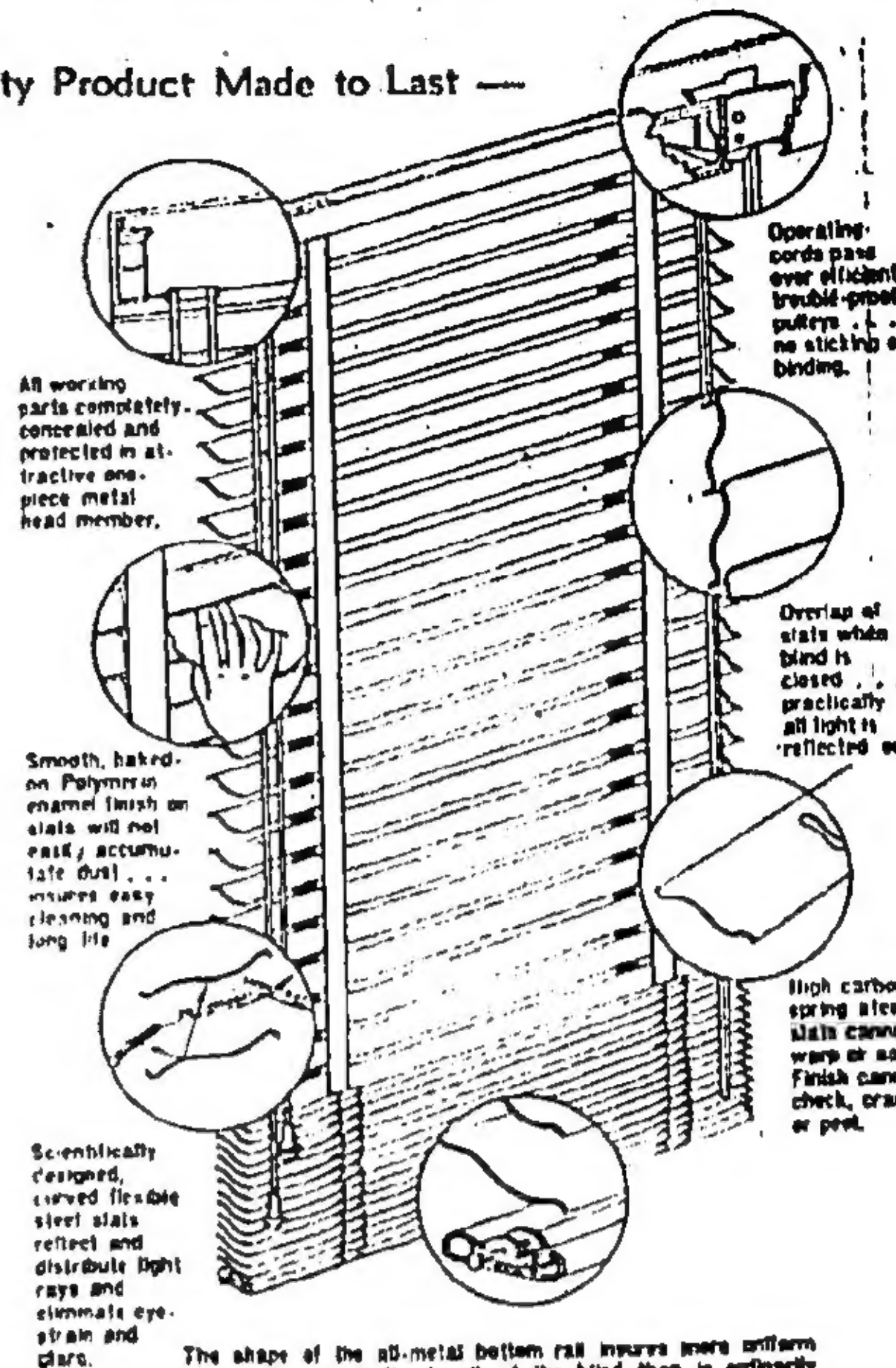


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Crossword Puzzle

By LAES MORRIS

ACROSS
1-700
2-Get away (jargon)
3-Prefered
4-Telling blow
5-Yale University
6-Silence
7-Not working
8-Alling
9-Cliff's nickname
10-Expensive
11-Sleep disease
12-Social insects
13-American college
14-Japanese trunk
15-Leave
16-Spanish word attributed to intoxicated persons
17-Chaldean city
18-Perform
19-New metal
20-Turn
21-Path of planet
22-Name
23-Egyptian king
24-Pony
25-Native of Arabia
26-Beach plant
27-Parade of
28-Travel on boat
29-200 feet
30-Hall
31-Gigantic man-eater
32-Demand

DOWN
1-Opposite of altar
2-Metal-bearing vein
3-Sea-bird
4-Musical drama
5-Movie star
6-Connected
7-Girl's name
8-Musical composition
9-Artificially generated grain
10-Religious
11-Electronic
12-Religious
13-Definite article
14-Religious
15-Reformed Church in America (abbr.)
16-Coral from
17-Prefered three
18-Adjust
19-Henrietta's second of horns
20-Clories
21-Diamond
22-Cause
23-Put into prison
24-Puerto Rican dish
25-Protecting influenza
26-Interview
27-Bank
28-French river
29-Took blood from



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light
Tose chl sacti vecd liddode edsofy
outh
Solm adel amebv fort tin esd ear
ests pite
T akenll mycom for tofthy wort
handt ruth."
and truth.
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dearest spile.
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To see this active child do deeds of
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CURRENT COMMENT... By Scrutineer

There is little doubt that the courage and tenacity of the British people are being tested to-day as never before. It is the first time in history that the whole nation has been exposed to the enemy's attacks, and that all men, women, and children have to bear the strain of warfare from the air.

Even Hitler in his book "Mein Kampf" bears witness to the stubborn fighting qualities of the British soldier, but hitherto there has been no means of gauging the fighting qualities of the non-military portion of the population.

Now it is found that the civilian is just as ready to face up to hardship and danger as the soldier and this we would expect for the sense of duty that is implanted in the soldier, comes in the first place from the lessons he has learned at home in the school and in the Church.

It is not something specially acquired by a particular section of the nation, it is part of the high ideals which prevail throughout and at all times but is only revealed when a crisis occurs. The fact that it is a part of the nation's character is proved by the unhesitating way in which duties are discharged and dangers faced. There is a kind of inner compulsion towards the heroic in which self-conscious effort disappears.

In a recent broadcast from Germany three airmen gave an account of their respective exploits. It was done in the Hitler manner. There was the loud raucous voice, the sharp dramatic lines, the dramatic account of the combat, and the final victory over the enemy. Then a chorus of young men sang a martial song after each narrative in order to drive the patriotic and heroic example home.

It would be the hardest thing in the world to get a British airman to record his exploits in this manner. It would be a far greater strain upon him than the combat itself.

So it is with the British nation as a whole. It sets out to do its work, quietly and efficiently with the idea of heroism entirely absent. Therein lies the whole difference. On the one side a heavy task voluntarily undertaken without hope of reward, except that each knows that everything Britain stands for is at stake. It is the love for these things that inspires this devotion and makes the burden light.

There is no need for theatrical performances to bolster up flagging spirits.

On the other side there is the shouting and the exuberant displays because of victory over France. There are noisy threats of invasion of Britain, of the destruction of London and the claim is made that the British morale has collapsed.

Meanwhile the threatened invasion as evidenced by the assembly of self-propelling barges in the Channel ports and the presence of great armies ready to embark in them is being steadily hampered by the air arm so much so that it is doubtful whether it will ever take place.

Hitler must make the attempt, fail, or fail to make the attempt. In either case he suffers defeat, since he cannot achieve what he set out to do.

U.S.A. and Rearmament

Some years ago in travelling on a small junk down the Min River in Szechuan, we were hailed by a soldier on the bank who wanted a free passage. The boatman took no notice, but then the soldier too his rifle loaded it and fired a shot.

This had the desired effect for the boat was stopped and the soldier taken on board. A little further on another gentleman hailed our boat, and started gesticulating and throwing stones, but the boatman would not stop. When asked why he did not, the answer was "Why, the first fellow had a rifle and we hadn't, whereas this one had none."

The incident came to mind in reading the Burke Wadsworth Congressional Bill whereby sixteen million five hundred thousand American men between the ages of 21 and 35 will be liable for military service, and that 900,000 of them will be enrolled by the spring.

The American citizen who has enjoyed equal rights, equal opportunities and equal privileges will now realize that the preservation of these advantages depends on discharging certain duties.

Just as the gangster menace in U.S.A. was overcome by the creation of the G-men backed by the determination of the nation to get rid of them, the United States realize that the disappearance of the international gangsters depends on the creation of a force better organized and superior to theirs.

America, more than any nation, has advocated the doctrine of international brotherhood and co-operation based on good neighbourliness.

The United States has always been organized for peace and not for war, but the policy of conciliation and appeasement has failed to such an extent as to endanger the very existence of those countries which have advocated it.

It was a great experiment and it was dangerous. It failed and now precautions have to be taken, and are being taken to an extent that staggers those who have been getting their own evil way because they were in possession of a gun.

President Roosevelt realizes the futility of stroking the tiger in order to win its goodwill, and there are several of these marauding creatures about in the world to-day.

The United States will surely emerge as a nation most powerfully armed. Her diplomacy will take on a new form. Instead of appeals to higher forms, there will be dictation and threats to those who have menaced the freedom of the democratic nations. The fact that this colossal rearmament programme has been approved and launched is in itself proof that the people of the United States are finished with their present methods of diplomacy.

Prison Reform

An excellent address was given to Rotary last Tuesday by Major Willocks, the Commissioner of Prisons. It was a sincere straightforward account of the immense problems which confront the authorities in this Colony when dealing with crime.

Where the standard of living for so many people is low, and the housing conditions so bad and in some cases non-existent, it is impossible to make the conditions of life in prison harsher than they are outside.

The only punishment therefore is deprivation of liberty and loss of face. The prison becomes for such people after the initial shock, a pleasant retreat. It is really doing much of the work the poor law institutions do in England.

There is the story of the youth who approached a former employer and asked for a job. On enquiring the latter found that he had just been released from prison.

"Yes," said the youth, "I was given six months, but had only served four, when the warden came and told me to put on my own clothes and get out. 'I couldn't understand', he said, 'as I had done nothing wrong.'"

The existence of such conditions outside prison is attributed always to the fact that Hongkong is a free port, and permits the inflow of Chinese from other parts. Until there is some restriction on this immigration, overcrowding, disease, and excessive crime must continue to exist. If it is checked, then the social problem can be tackled.

This will involve the erection of primary schools, and the abolition of the worst slums, for which money will be needed and must be obtained even if it means additional taxation. The community must take responsibility for the evils that are due to poverty, if it is to reduce the pressure on the gaols. The present condition of things has been tolerated too long.

War In China

The Bombing of Chungking goes on apace. A third of the city was destroyed a few weeks ago but owing to the claims of the European war and because the destruction of Chinese cities is now accepted as a routine affair little publicity is given to such incidents.

Properly some of it of the most modern construction which has taken a long time to erect, is blasted out of existence in a few minutes. One would have thought that the lesson of the past three years would have been learnt, namely, that the destruction of cities does not destroy the morale of the Chinese any more than the bombing of London does that of the British.

What it does do is to strengthen the determination of both peoples to see the war through to a successful conclusion. There is no military advantage gained in bombing ancient monuments such as the Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral, or civilian property that a hundreds of miles from the scene of military operations.

Such warfare has nothing to do with strategy, it is merely the expression of the sense of frustration or of being thwarted by the Chinese in the effort to achieve military victory.

The alternative for China is liberty or servitude, and everyone recognizes that liberty even without property is preferable to servitude with it.

The spiritual forces which animate China are not going to be overcome by the destruction of cities, since the real China lies in the rural areas on which bombs fall in vain.

China, however, may get a respite if India-China is to be the scene of the next incident. The people of Japan are waiting results, not barren victories from the air, over what are practically open cities. More than three years of warfare in China have not ended yet in a profitable peace for Japan.

An adventure further south might produce something more tangible, but on the other hand it might produce greater complications than ever. Certainly no advance into China would be fraught with so much danger and so much difficulty as the precipitous climb from the plains of Annam up to the plateau of Yunnan.

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